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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

MAKING READY FOR THE TAFT INAUGURATION

DR. WILLISTON TO BE GRAND MARSHALL

Of the Colored Division of the Parade—Appointment Giving Satisfaction—The Federal Patronage "Resting."

Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 13.—Dr. Edward D. Williston, of the District of Columbia, for grand marshal of the colored division of the inaugural parade, and Dr. W. T. Vernon, of Kansas, for chief of staff, followed by a hundred or more "colonels" on horseback and many civic organizations, is the line-up officially announced by Major-General J. Franklin Bell for the fourth of March.

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Grand Master William L. Houston will be at the head of a large detachment of the Patriarchie and other uniformed branches of the G. U. O. of O. F. George St. Julien Stephens writes that the colored citizens of Richmond will bring 300 representatives in a body, and Philadelphia will have two organizations numbering over a hundred men. Word is being received daily from various sections of the country that our people are coming, and the attendance bids fair to break all previous records for both races.

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All of the Negro participants will not be included in the colored brigade. The companies of the Twenty-fourth Infantry will march with the "regulars," regardless of color, and the High School Cadets, of this city, now under instruction of Major Arthur Brooks, commander of the First Separate Battalion of the District National Guard, will take their places with the division allotted to the colleges and advanced schools of the country. It is stated that the Washington High School Cadets will be the only aggregation representing the military arm of the colored schools of the land. Those who have seen the work of Major Brooks' gallant lads on the field will guarantee that they will do the race proud in assisting to induct Taft and Sherman into the offices to which the people have elected them. The Grand Army of the Republic, the Negro contingent of the Army and Navy Union, the Spanish War Veterans and other organizations of standing will be accorded places in the monster pageant.

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The committees are at work at a lively rate, getting things ready for the throng that will come from everywhere between the oceans. Mr. Daniel Murray, who has been appointed as chairman of the subcommittee on public comfort, to have charge of the duty of looking after the welfare of the colored visitors, has opened headquarters in the National Benefit Association's building, 609 F street, N. W., and is bein gassisted in the arrangement of the preliminaries by Mr. William E. Hope, whose capable labors in connection with the Negro Department of the Jamestown Exposition will be remembered. In the course of a few days Mr. Murray will be in a position to name the men who will be his associates on this very important committee. Persons who have rooms to rent will be requested to send in a description of their accommodations, with terms, etc., at an early date, so that a comprehensive list may be prepared for the use of the committee in directing strangers to desirable quarters.

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Peace appears to be reigning on the social side of the inaugural period, and the hope is fondly hugged to the bosom of the optimistic that this year will be free from the internecine wrangling that has tended to mar the pleasure of citizens and their company in other years. Strangers who come for a good time want to see everything and everybody, and do not wish to be annoyed by any narrow notion that they must not go hither or yon, because, forsooth, somebody may be there who is "not in our set." General attention seems to be focused on the grand ball planned by the Inaugural Welcome Club for the night of March 5 at Convention Hall. This is regarded as the "citizens' movement," and all who come in good order will be made welcome without much formality. To avoid the appearance of conflict, no other large function will be "pulled off" on that night. On the night of March 3, just before inauguration day, the "Monacans," a well-known social club, will hold forth at the Auditorium, on Eighth street, S. E. The Mu-So-Lit, not to crowd the situation with a multiplicity of balls, has abandoned their tentative idea of having a big affair, and will content itself with giving a "smoker" of national proportions at the Conservatory of Music on the evening of March 6. It will be 'field night," and with a big crowd of noted gentlemen from all over the country, it is expected that the welkin will be made to ring with eloquence, wit, music and things good for the "inner man." Other clubs, of course, will cater to their especial following. Among them might be mentioned the Amphion Glee Club, the Book Lovers, the Elks, La Toscas, the Brownies, Bachelor-Benedicts, the Rifflers, the Wilberforcians, and so on to the end of a long chapter. If anybody fails to get in on a platform as broad as this, it will be his own fault. Those who neglect to make arrangements to attend this inauguration will miss half of their lives.

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Dr. E. D. Williston, whose appointment as grand marshal is giving such widespread satisfaction, is a native of North Carolina, but has spent nearly all of his forty years in the District. He is a graduate of the Medical Department of Howard University, and since finishing there has built up a practice second to no other physician in the national capital, both in points of quantity and quality. He is immensely popular with all elements in this complicated social fabric, and no man has done more to diffuse sunshine in the dark places or given more generously of his time, means and skill for the benefit of struggling and afflicted humanity than "Ed" Williston. A "self-made man" in the fullest sense of that overworked term, he has risen by his own might, by the sheer force of a big soul and an unflagging determination to do his best in whatever he undertakes. He was unquestionably the brightest student in his class, and it is no surprise to his boyhood associates that he is now a member of the faculty of his alma mater, an authority on obstetrics and gynaecology, a member of the staff of Freedmen's Hospital, and may yet be surgeon-in-chief, if he will accept it, a shining light in the Medico-Chirurgical Society, and a "j'iner" of practically all of the first-class fraternities in town, such as the Masons, the Elks, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Young Men's Protective League and the Mu-So-Lit. Not the mere piling up of dollars, but an intense desire to be helpful to his fellowman and to lift up the unfortunate, seems to have been his motto from the hour he was handed his "sheepskin" by Dr. Rankin at Howard's medical commencement—and he has certainly lived up to that ideal. His designation for this important post is in every way fitting, and there isn't a man, woman or child in the District who is not heartily indorsing the wisdom of General Bell in according him this richly merited honor. He will wear his laurels worthily. Dr. W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury—"everybody's register of everybody's treasury"—is too well known to the Nation to require extended comment at this time. His appointment is likewise a happy one, and squares with the wishes of the people of the community, whose plan seemed to have been to adjust the balance nicely between the local professional element and the national political equation. In naming Dr. Williston for the citizens and Dr. Vernon for the Negroes of the Nation, General Bell gave evidence of possessing a clever eye for the eternal fitness of things. Grand Marshal Williston will begin at once to select his aids, and, by using a city directory, may be able to find enough "colonels" to make out his quota.

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With the inauguration business at fever heat, the problem of "What shall the harvest be?"—or what shall be done about the federal patronage?—has been permitted to rest for a moment. As there is no way to read the mind of Judge Taft, if he has made up his mind with reference to the colored brother—which is doubtful—there is nothing to do but "bide a wee and dinna fret." At any rate, some absurd canards are being exploded by the frank manner in which we have essayed to discuss the topics of the times. We give the facts, without a grain of personal bias, be the individuals in question friends or foes. In this connection, it may be stated that a close friend of Mr. Charles W. Anderson writes me that there is not a scintilla of truth in the circulated story that Mr. Anderson is after the Haitien mission, and that the person who gave out the rumor that to go to Port-au-Prince had been "the dream of his life," possessed an imagination that would make Rider Haggard turn green with envy. As a matter of fact, says this correspondent, Mr. Anderson has every reason to believe that he will be reappointed by President Taft upon the expiration of his present commission, and that "old New York town" is good enough for him to live and die in. Credence can be attached to this, as Manhattan Isle is very much to "Charlie" Anderson's liking, and his popularity is such that he need have no fear of his leadership waning. So it will be safe to count on four more years at least of Collector Anderson. An intimate friend of Assistant Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce denies that the latter has the slightest intention of quitting his very congenial post—just in the line of his attainments and in an environment where his happiest days have been spent—and that the Hatien mission is far from his thoughts. It is further stated that those who have been industriously circulating such a rumor are anxious to get his place, or imagine they might benefit by a change of administration in the Washington schools. If Mr. Napier, of Tennessee, has ambitions of a federal aspect, it is said that they do not lie outside of the United States border. It will be remembered that he refused the Bahian consulate some years ago, not caring to leave these shores, nor his beloved South, in the future of which he has an abiding faith. All this clearing of the brush brings us up to the gratifying fact that there is no likelihood of Dr. Harry W. Furniss' recall from Haiti. His splendid record as a linguist, diplomat and broad-minded statesman has made him a strong figure in the Haitien mind, and has given him an invincible standing with the State Department here. He has held aloof from all entanglements, and is now as acceptable to the Simon government as he was to the Nord Alexis regime. It is not to be President Taft's policy to remove a man merely to make a place for another, if the incumbent is doing well. Minister Furniss' permanent postoffice address will be the "United States Legation, Port-au-Prince, Haiti." Correspondents will govern themselves accordingly.

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The most brilliant social function of the late holiday season was the annual reception given by the Council of Upper Classmen of Howard University. This unique organization is made up of the "picked men" of the medical, dental, law and college departments of the race's greatest institution for the higher education, and their annual offering in a social way is looked forward to for many months with pleasurable anticipations. On the evening of December 30 about 200 persons were in attendance, and the charming costumes of the ladies, together with the staid evening dress of the gentlemen, presented a very pretty picture. Among those who took a prominent part in the evening's festivities were: Judge and Mrs. Robert H. Terrell, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis, Mrs. Jackson, matron of Miner Hall, Howard University; Miss Cora B. Jackson, Miss Bailey of Brooklyn, Miss Jackson of Jersey City, Miss Mattie Bowen of Baltimore, Miss Osceola Burl of Chester, Pa., Miss Mable Brooks of Wilmington, Del., and Dr. and Mrs. Carson, of Detroit, Mich. An enjoyable feature of the occasion was the dainty cafe service, furnished by Caterer Emanuel Murray. The affair was voted the most successful of the season, and the young men are being warmly congratulated over the rich treat they afforded their many friends. The officers of the Council of Upper Classmen are: C. C. Sanford, president; L. H. Hilton, secretary; John E. Geary, chairman of the executive committee, and Samuel D. McCree, treasurer. A large share of the credit for the national tone given the reception must be given to Mr. James C. Waters, Jr., whose wide experience in social management and long service in race journalism made him a valuable factor in arranging the thousand and one details of the occasion.

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Mr. Walter J. Singleton, formerly of Omaha, Neb., and now a valued clerk in the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, was installed for the second time on the evening of the 6th as president of the Young Men's Protective League, one of the strongest fraternal organizations in the District. As a testimonial of appreciation of his efficient services as the official head of the League Mr. Singleton was presented with a handsome silver-mounted gavel. Sergeant-at-arms A. L. Jackson made a fitting presentation speech, paying a merited tribute to Mr. Singleton as an officer and a man. A group of twenty-six friends then brought forward a magnificent stand of flowers, arranged in form of a horseshoe about four feet high. Mr. Singleton was nearly taken off his feet with surprise at this evidence of the affection of his comrades, and responded with difficulty to the unexpected honors showered upon him. President Singleton's annual report for the year ending December 31 showed the following, which all will agree indicates a financial and general health unusual for a purely beneficial and fraternal body like the Young Men's Protective League: Total receipts for the year, $4,124.80; expenditures for year, $3,619.09; death claims paid, $1,798; sick benefits paid, $1,237.75; received from assessments, $2,047.50; net gain from assessments, $249.50; gain for the year, $505.71; balance on hand, December 31, 1908, $6,256.35. New members added during year, 86; dropped, 21; rejected, 2; reinstated, 5; total membership to date, 597. Receipts from excursion, 247. Congratulations for Mr. Singleton's able administration are in order.

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One of the strongest adjuncts to the Army and Navy Union of the District of Columbia is the James A. Buchanan Garrison, of which Samuel T. Henry, formerly of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, is grand commander. Mr. Henry organized this young garrison through his own personal influence and popularity with his comrades, and it is now easily the leading organization of its kind among our race in this jurisdiction. Mr. Henry has seen much active service on the frontier in this country and in the Philippines, and now holds a responsible position in the War Department. At the last regular meeting of the garrison, Gen. James A. Buchanan, a distinguished veteran of the Civil War, and now retired, honored the gathering with his presence, foregoing an engagement at the White House, to thus encourage the gallant soldiers who had chosen to march under a banner bearing his name and who were still giving such tangible evidence of their loyalty to the old flag. Commander Henry, in thanking the General for his kindly remarks, delivered an address that aroused the enthusiasm to a high pitch and evoked hearty applause at the hands of the eminent visitor. Commander Henry has been designated as an aid on the staff of the department commander, with rank of captain, the first instance where a colored man has been so honored.

NOTES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The Negro American Academy re-elected A. H. Grimke president.

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Mr. Fred R. Moore, editor of the New York Age, was in town last week on business.

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Lincoln's centenary is to be observed February 12, on an elaborate scale, by our citizens.

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Mr. Hamilcar Turley, for over thirty years an examiner in the Pension Office, and prominent in musical affairs, is dead.

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Chaplain W. W. E. Gladden, of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, has been the house guest of Register and Mrs. W. T. Vernon.

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Genial "Phil" Waters, of Charleston, W. Va., circulated among old friends last week, and took a good view of several federal jobs he might be persuaded to accept.

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Mr. Oliver Randolph, secretary of the Foraker National League, has launched a new paper here. The field is ripe, and it may be that the brilliant young Mississipian will be the lucky man to gather the harvest that awaits.

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Hon. John P. Green, of Cleveland, O., formerly United States stamp agent, is in the city, accompanied by Mrs. Green. They are en route to Europe, where they will spend the winter.

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Lawyer Thomas L. Jones, who rendered yeoman service for Taft and Sherman in several of the pivotal States, is said to be under consideration for a desirable judicial assignment.

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F. H. M. Murray, of Alexandria and Washington, has become the local correspondent of the Boston Guardian. Mr. Murray will be able to give satisfaction to the management of the Guardian.

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Mr. William Pannell, who traveled with Judge Taft throughout the campaign, has a snug berth in the Bureau of Insular Affairs. In all probability he will be called to the White House after March 4.

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The handsomely engraved souvenir autograph, "Think It Over," sent out as a New Year sentiment by Auditor Ralph W. Tyler, brought much cheer to his large circle of friends throughout the country who were fortunate enough to receive one.

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Dr. W. Bruce Evans, principal of the Armstrong Technical High School, has been elected president of the Mu-So-Lit Club, succeeding Assistant District Attorney James A. Cobb. Mr. Alfred Lewis, principal of the Patterson School, has been added to the membership roll.

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"The Wilberforcians," through Secretary W. L. Board, have forwarded a check for $50 to President W. S. Scarborough, for the benefit of Wilberforce University, their alma mater. Prof. W. A. Joiner, of Howard University, is president of this useful organization. Prof. Scarborough was handsomely entertained by them recently.

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Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, Washington's favorite dentist, has his classes in dentistry at Howard University in excellent shape, and it is a pleasure to note the progress his pupils are making under his careful direction. The enrollment in the dental department, of which Dr. Wormley is the able demonstrator, is the largest in the history of the university.

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Former Register J. W. Lyons is in Augusta, Ga., on business. He called upon President-elect Taft at his "Cottage on the Hill," last week, and secured from him a promise to address Haines School and the colored citizens of Augusta on January 19, at 3 o'clock p. m. Haines School, of which the splendid Miss Lucy E. Laney is principal, is one of the foremost schools in the South, and Judge Taft chooses wisely in consenting to say a word of encouragement to its students and friends.

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The first annual banquet of the Washington branch of the National Negro Business League was a brilliant success, covers being laid for nearly one hundred guests. President W. Sidney Pittman acquitted himself handsomely as toastmaster. Practical speeches on various phases of business development were delivered by Register W. T. Vernon, J. W. Lewis, architect, J. A. Lankford, Dr. John R. Francis, Lawyer Thomas L. Jones, Geo. W. Robinson, S. W. Rutherford, editor W. Calvin Chase, L. E. Johnson, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Addison N. Sourlock, J. B. Anderson, W. R. Griffin, chief of the True Reformers, Lawyer George F. Collins and R. L. Pendleton. The local league is prospering under the painstaking supervision of Architect Pittman.

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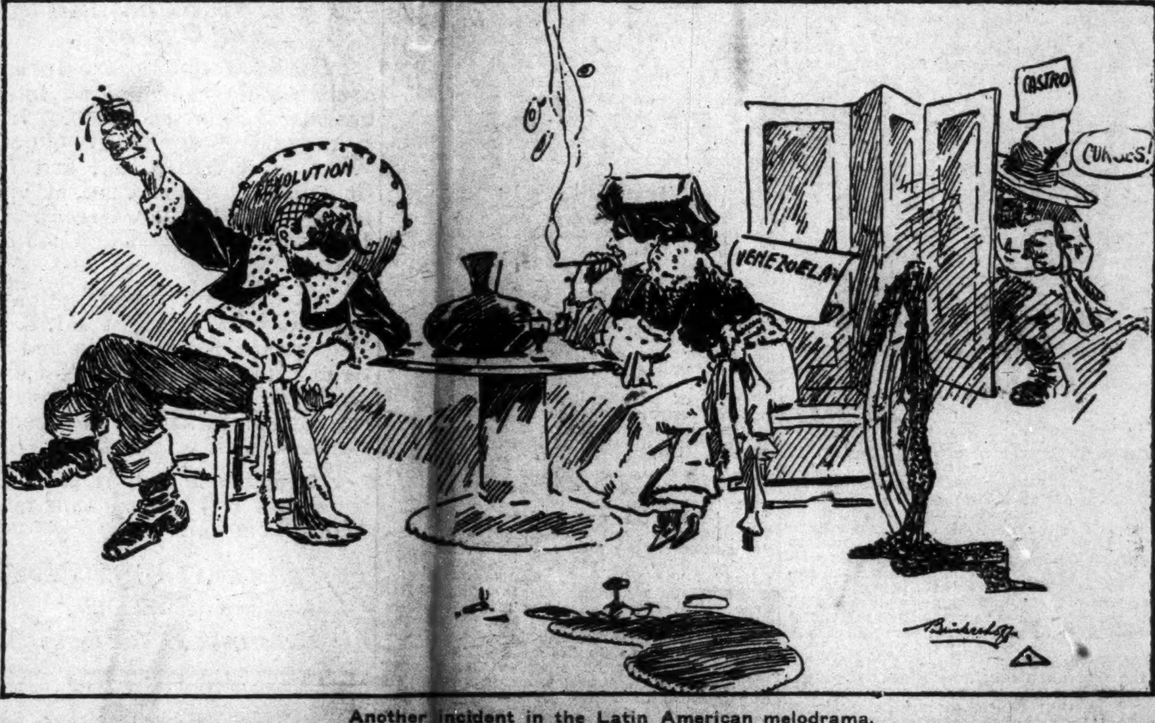
Architect John A. Lankford has been tendered a tempting offer to take up construction work for the government in Panama, in connection with the Isthmian canal. Preferring to build up his increasing business along strictly architectural lines, he has declined the offer. Mr. Lankford was chosen supervising architect of the A. M. E. Church at the Norfolk General Conference, and in addition to an extensive demand for his services by the churches of this denomination, he is making a specialty of laying out comprehensive courses of instruction for industrial schools, his plan covering every department of manual and mechanical training on scientific lines. Mr. Lankford carries the degree of Master of Science, and is regarded as an expert by competent craftsmen.

R. W. THOMPSON.

HER NEW SUITOR.



Another incident in the Latin American melodrama.
—Brinkerhoff in Cleveland Leader.

SHERMAN, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Copies of THE FREEMAN on sale at Jim Casson's tonsorial parlors, northeast corner of Walnut and Pecan streets...The Young Sherman Orchestra with Jim Ervin Jr., manager and cornetist, assisted by Messrs. Geo. Stubblefield, clarinet; John Woodroe, bass violin; Walter Woodroe, violin; Wade Lindsay, guitar, is the coming orchestra of northern Texas...Jim Warde is proving to be one of the best cooks in the State. He has a good position at the Binkley Hotel...Following help may be found at the Kidd Key College here: Messrs. Wesley Green, chef; Ham Montiller and Ananias Wharton, first and second cooks. Waiters are Joe Batsell, Marshall Royal, Alf. Ryan, Will Burns, Oscar Bruce, Jim Crenshaw, Herman and Clifford King, Harvey Rhodes; Will Payne, waiter in the infirmary; John Batsell, pastryman. Yardmen are Ned Green, repairer; Chas. Houston, Allen Wilson, Jodie Milam, Bud Watson; coachman, Lem Davis. Chambermaids are Misses Lucy Crenshaw, Emma Williams, Lulu Stone, Alice Patrick, Emma Childs, Addie Douglass, Addie Brown and Ruthia Payne...N. E. Jefferson informed the reporter that every Saturday in Fairview there would be rabbit races between Denison and Sherman. Jim Ervin, Jr., is manager. A choice lot of Colorado rabbits have been secured for the performance and the celebrated Ervin-Walker dogs will be used. The Young Sherman Orchestra will furnish music.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Walter Butler, formerly employed as elevator boy at Newman's, has been given a position in the tailoring department...C. F. Dungill has returned from an extensive visit in Anderson, Ind...Bert Thurman, who has been employed in one of Kalamazoo's largest department stores, for the past four years, has been offered an excellent position with one of the large tailoring establishments of Detroit...Mrs. Jess Harris of this city and Mrs. Quince Black of Dayton, O., left Sunday for a short visit in Chicago and while there will see the Williams & Walker show...Bert Hackley, one of Kalamazoo's best barbers, is confined to his home with a severe attack of la grippe. His many friends hope for an early recovery...Fred Bass left Monday for Decatur, Ill., where he will visit relatives...E. Brooks, formerly of Indianapolis, has accepted a position as chef in one of the leading restaurants...Miss Margaret Robins, well known in this city, was recently elected secretary of the Sunday school of the A. M. E. Church...Herbert Hall, employed in the Burdick Cafe, made a killing on the horse races last week, winning over $300 on a single race...Grafton Hall, who has been employed in Meadimber's Palace of Sweets for the past year, has received a promotion at an increased salary, which speaks well for Mr. Hall...Frank Evans left for Lafayette to attend the wedding of his brother, Fred Evans...Herman Tyler is now connected with one of the largest automobile garages in this city in the capacity of chauffeur.

GREENVILLE, TEX.

Editor of THE FREEMAN:

Miss Cecil Hasken, the bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hasken, was ill last week...James Jefferson gave a stag dinner Christmas and served four gallons of fine egg mog...R. Dorsey is in the city...George Stewart is in a very serious condition at this writing...Martin Turner is still very sick...T. M. Holloway says he expects to raise chickens, hogs and vegetables this year at his new home in East Polk street...Mrs. Eliza Hill is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. Z. Walls...When you don't see the agent for THE FREEMAN, see H. H. Brown at James Jefferson's barber shop, South Wright street...Ruben Davis is back in the city again...Rev. Love preached at the C. M. E. Church Sunday...The C. M. E. Church is planning to build a new church and have their agents out soliciting help. They are: C. C. Clinton, Bessie Wade, Florence Goss and others whose names have not reached the agents as yet...Rev. McDonald is an able speaker and his people are proud of him. He hails from Arkansas.

WORK AMONG THE CLUBS

WOMEN WILL TAKE UP THE WORK OF REFORM

WILL HELP TO MAKE PUBLIC SENTIMENT

Along Various Lines—Louisville Will Have Colored Fair—Good Report of Library—Society Now Quiet—Notes of Interest.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 14.—Now that Christmas is over and the various clubs have entertained admirably during the holidays, it is reported that they are going to take up work in a more substantial direction. It is now claimed that the married women are going to take a greater interest in school affairs and other matters of reform. Where principals are weak and lack discipline, they are going to use their influence with their friends and husbands to improve conditions. Other reforms are said to be in the minds of the good women who care for the ultimate good of the future young men and women. They claim that if the white women can meet and urge reforms in the white schools and be of great good they should do so. While educational reforms are not entirely in our hands, said a leading colored woman, yet we can do our duty toward making a public sentiment that will increase attendance, secure better teachers and raise the standard of the high school. The indifference on the part of the principal of the high school has become a stench all over the state, and it is now a byword, that the principal merely draws his salary and is not a disciplinarian. It is generally agreed that the best man for truant officer was Mr. T. F. Parks, since he had the place once before. It is hoped that Mr. Parks will do by it better than before and make it a permanent place for the Negro, whether he is a Democrat or Republican, as politics plays such a powerful part in the selection of these officers.

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Mr. William H. Ward, one of the oldest and most respectable Negroes in the city and fo rthirty years a janitor of the City Hall, was elected a few weeks ago as janitor of the School Board, to succeed the late Napoleon Bonapart. Mr. Ward is an ardent Democrat and is always remembered by his friends.

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From present indications Louisville is going to have a colored fair. The following officers have been elected: W. C. F. Mason, president; T. H. Hopkins, vice president; W. D. Thomas, secretary, and Dave Steward, treasurer. The fair is expected to be one of the best in the state. The men who are at the head are well known and take the lead usually in all big affairs. The other men connected with the fair are J. H. Hathaway, Albert S. White and Benj. Shipley.

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The report of the colored library was one of the best in its history. It showed a greater increase over the past year. Mr. Blue is making a splendid reputation at the library and we will publish in a few days a short history of the library and the work done ehre by Mr. Harris and Miss Finney.

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Dr. C. H. Harris and William H. Steward left Sunday for Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, to attend the executive committee of the National Negro Business League. Many are asking why President D. L. Knight did not go.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dudley will be domiciled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker, 729 West Walnut street. It is to be regretted that Mr. and Mrs. Dudley will be busy day and night during their stay. It was hoped by a number of their friends that some of the matinees would be cut so as the members of the show could have some social pleasure, but such is not the case.

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It is very gratifying to the proprietors of the colored drug stores to know that the physicians of the city are beginning to help them in a substantial way. They are sending the colored drug stores trade. Both of the drug stores have licensed pharamists and are from the same school of the doctors, and it does seem that they should help each other. Most of all the doctors get their living from the "brother" and then send their patients to the white man to have a subscription filled. And this is no joke, because we see it every day. Help the brother as well as help the white man is the slogan now among Negroes who are paying the bills.

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Wilkens and Curry have opened up an embalming and undertaking establishment at Eleventh and Walnut streets. They are well known and are popular and we hope they will succeed.

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We wish it understood that these columns are open to the readers of the Freeman and belong to the public. We publish all the news that you will send us and give an impartial opinion on all matters in this section. Send us or give to our agent your news. The Freeman went big in this city last week. Let us keep up the good work.

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Your correspondent wished to second the motion of Mr. Fred R. Moore, of the New York Age, to have the newspaper men of the country attend the inauguration at Washington, D. C., and talk over the matter of organizing a National Association of Journalists. Let Washington be the Mecca for the editors. eW are going to send from Kentucky editors W. D. Johnson, E. E. Underwood, W. H. Steward, N. W. McGowan and others. May be that plans can be formulated and the next gathering could be held in Louisville. This city is the best place on earth to hold such a meeting. We have pretty girls, fast horses, city is wet and "O Be Joyful" is plentiful and the sign hangs out at "My Old Kentucky Home," in fact, we are just ready to have you. Two days after the National Negro Business League would be fine. Brother Scribes, think about this proposition. We certainly need to get together and now is the time.

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Word comes to us that the new girls dormitory at State University will be dedicated on February 1. This is certainly good news to the people of the State of Kentucky.

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SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON.

SHORT FLIGHTS.

By R. W. Thompson.

Booker T. Washington.

The word is writ that he who runs may read;
What is the passing breath of earthly fame?
But to snatch glory from the hands of blame —
That is to be, to live, to strive indeed.
A poor Virginia cabin gave the seed,
And from its dark and lowly door there came
A peer of princes in the world's acclaim,
A master spirit for the nation's need.
Strong, silent, purposeful beyond his kind,
The mark of rugged force on brow and lip,
Straight on he goes, nor turns to look behind
Where hot hounds come baying at his hip;
With one idea foremost in his mind,
Like the keen prow of some on-forging ship.

Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Let's notice the good things more.

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"Lily-whiteism" is no longer an issue.

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Bishop "Lamp"-ton is letting his light shine.

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It is to be Senator Burton of Ohio. The "O. K." mark is ready for him.

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The "limelight" is a shifty affair. No one individual can monopolize it long at a time.

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The chief trouble about "office seeking the man" is that office doesn't use a searchlight.

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President Roosevelt is helping Dr. L. G. Jordan to give Africa some much needed advertising.

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It is the sincere, earnest man who sticks to a movement after the "fad" period is over.

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Since Ben Tillman broke down "cussing out" the Negro, he seems to have "passed us up."

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President Taft will be his own President—just as this humble scribe predicted some moons ago.

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"A square deal to all" is good enough a platform to work on through 1909 without any amendments.

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On to Louisville in August! The biggest meeting of the National Negro Business League is on the card.

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Consulates in the earthquake districts are not regarded as fashionable just now, and there may be few seekers for them.

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Metropolitan journals that advertise "colored supplements" are viewed with suspicion south of the Mason and Dixon line.

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The Cleveland *Journal* has some of its local contemporaries on their knees for fear Editor Brascher will "turn on the light."

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We find it difficult to get along with a friend who requires us to give renewed pledges of our friendship every twenty minutes.

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The present incumbent of a high-priced mission is the thing that makes his tenure uncertain—not the failure of the minister himself to "make good."

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How would it do to make Emmett J. Scott an "honorary bandmaster" in the United States Army—by and with the consent of the Secretary of War?

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Preachers, teachers, doctors, lawyers and business men alike should regard themselves as special agents to lead in the work of stamping out tuberculosis.

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We are not making any new resolutions for the New Year. The ones we made several years ago are not showing enough wear and tear to justify a brand new outfit.

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There never was a time when the so-called "bread-and-butter brigade" could not add to its ranks by a number of anxious recruits from the gang that essays to deride it.

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Despite the alarming returns from the Census Bureau touching divorce, the marriage bell rings a soften and as merrily as of yore. "The old story" — but what's the use?

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Come to think of it, we haven't heard anything about "subsidized newspapers" for a coon's age. Surely, W. E. B. Du Bois and J. Max Barber have gone to sleep on their job!

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Editor James H. Hayes of the *St. Luke Herald* of Richmond, Va., abandoned the sinking ship of the National Negro-American Political League just in time to avoid being engulfed by it.

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Anyhow, when the President fires his javelins against the "malefactors of great wealth," we know he isn't pouring out the vials of his wrath upon the heads of the colored people of the land.

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The colored "regulars" who are to come on from the Philippines this year are to be well placed. Vermont, Wyoming, Arizona and Colorado offer nothing that will make a noise like Brownsville.

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If a "national testimonial" is to be given in honor of Dr. Booker T. Washington, no better man than Ralph W. Tyler, auditor for the Navy Department, could be selected to head the movement.

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The folks who keep behind the times failed to use the Red Cross Christmas stamps—and incidentally neglected a glorious opportunity to contribute the widow's mite to the anti-tuberculosis fight.

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Charles Banks is the best advertised colored leader in the great State of Mississippi, and he has won his spurs by his own bigness of heart and soundness of head. The race can "bank" on Banks.

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The news report of the awful earthquake in Italy will not cause any of our budding statesmen to make a rush for the consular jobs within a radius of a thousand miles of the eruptive Mt. Aetna.

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Thoughtful white men of the South have no real fear of the vote of the thoughtful Negro. By making more thoughtful men of both races we take a long stride toward a solution of the great race problem in Dixieland.

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The South's problem was once sentimental and sectional; it is now economic, industrial and national. We must adapt our new treatment to the new pathological conditions exposed by the new diagnosis of its ailments. Grasp that?

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Some idiots cannot tell the difference between a reporter and an advocate. They think the recording of an unwelcome fact is virulent antagonism. No inpartial chronicler of the times is responsible for facts. They are made by the actors in the drama of life.

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The "grandfatherites" of Maryland ran against a stone wall when they tried to use Judge Taft's address to the North Carolinians as a lever to boost their project for the disfranchisement of the Negro and the double-crossing of the Fifteenth Amendment.

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Out of a division of the white vote of the South the Negro will reap untold benefits. Let Mr. Hitchcock get to work at emancipating the Southerners from their thralldom of race prejudice and to turning their attention toward commercial development—just for a change.

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President Roosevelt's Y. M. C. A. speech in Washington has made the path easier for all the colored Y. M. C. A. workers in America. Thanksgiving day was an epoch-maker for the cause of Christian uplift among our people through out the land. There's no question about that.

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The dilapidated schools for our people in the rural districts of the South must give us pause. Better buildings, improved facilities, longer terms and more competent teachers are the crying needs. Booker T. Washington has pointed the way. Will our people of means and influence walk therein?

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"Uncle Eben," a colored philosopher, says: "It's easy to be an optimist when you have sich a foundation to build on as a fried chicken and trimmings, an easy chair and a box of cigars, a quart of genuine Kentucky licker, a Guv'ment job and a bank account." From raw materials of this type most of us can be made into optimists overnight.

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There is no good reason why the man who through sacrifice has obtained an education and by rigid economy has come into possession of property should not wield a larger degree of influence in a community than the man who has made no effort to do either. Why not place a premium on tangible achievement as an incentive toward individual betterment?

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Dorsey Rhodes, a prominent member of the band of the Ninth Cavalry, now in the Philippines, has re-enlisted and gone to the 24th Infantry at Madison Barricks, New York, where he has become a non-commissioned officer. It is said that his friends look forward to a berth as chief musician for him, as his abilities in that direction are vouched for by competent authorities.

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The Negro can give the rest of the earth cards and spades on high-sounding names and beat every other nationality to a pulp. A colored gentleman of Gulfport, Miss.—Thomas E. Parker by name—announces the opening of the "Booker T. Washington Aristocracy Barber Shop," and advertises for "two good tonsorialists at once" to take care of the gilt-edged trade that the proprietor expects to draw.

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The exemplary conduct of the Negro troops at Madison Barracks, New York, coupled with Col. Scott's unstinted praise of the superiority of the Negro cavalrymen at West Point, has taken all the run out of the bourbons in Congress who wanted to use the Brownsville episode as an argument for mustering the Negro regiments—root and branch—out of the army establishment. The black soldier is here to stay.

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Prof. W. S. Scarborough has received many letters of congratulation from high sources upon his election as president of Wilberforce University. Two of them—one from Senator J. B. Foraker and the other from Hon. Elmer Dover, secretary of the Republican National Committee—are especially prized by the Professor, since he has been intimately identified with these eminent statesmen for so many years in matters of great interest to the cause of education and the public weal.

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If you will notice carefully Judge W. H. Taft's address to the North Carolina Society, which was almost universally endorsed by the best thinkers of the race, did not differ materially from his Greensboro speech, which was almost unanimously condemned by the Negro press some years ago. Judge Taft has made his meaning clearer, but he has not changed, and the Negro is seeing more and more clearly the conditions which his prejudices then refused to candidiy take into consideration. That's all.

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Young Teddy Roosevelt, the President's son, has actually gone to work—is actually working with his hands, sorting wool in a Connecticut carpet factory. This is a lick squarely between the eyes to those awfully elegant colored folks who have husky boys whom they think too good to soil their tender hands with anything so vulgar as work. It is significant that the sons of our best men are being put to work with their hands, as well as with their heads, beginning at the lowest round in the ladder of great business enterprises.

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The *Georgia Baptist* thinks the adoption of the disfranchising amendment in Georgia will put an end to the "white primary" in that State, giving as evidence the fact that the white primary nominee for mayor of Atlanta had to back out of the race to avoid the use of the Negro vote at the polls by his liberal opponent, and the gang favoring the obsolete instrument was beaten out of sight by the element that seems disposed to offer the thrifty and intelligent Negroes a chance to "vote right." Verily, "it's an ill wind that blows nobody good!"

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A white Democrat in Washington, discussing the outlook for 1912, says: "If Bryan is in control of the next Democratic national convention and his fourth nomination is imminent, the Republicans can put up Booker T. Washington for President and beat him to a standstill. I, for one, will vote for the Tuskegee Wizard in preference to the 'peerless' Nebraskan." This level-headed Democrat gives evidence of a quality of wisdom far ahead of many of his day and generation, and has in him the making of a prophet.

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Mobile, Ala., is a good place for a national Negro fair. It is in the heart of the South's "Black Belt," within easy access of railroads, and draws on a territory in which over 2,000,000 of our thriftiest people reside. President Newsome is the right man to head such a movement, and Congress would make a wise investment by granting his corporation $250,000 to aid in making the enterprise all that it should be. It will be a big advertisement of the resources of the South—a signal demonstration of the progress of the Negro race.

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Miss Irene L. Moorman, president of the Metropolitan Women's Business Club of New York and Brooklyn, has inaugurated a movement having for its object the erection of a $50,000 hall for the accommodation of colored people as a meeting place, so as to avoid the use of churches for political, social and miscellaneous secular purposes—a commendable idea, too. About $5,000 in cash has already been raised and more is in prospect. Editor Fred R. Moore, who is lending valuable assistance, wants a poolroom, bowling alley, gymnasium and reading-room included in the equipment of the hall, and the committee of ladies think well of the plan, as there are but few places in the city where young colored men can go for innocent diversion.

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The last theatrical performance witnessed by President-elect Taft was "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and that was twenty years ago. The picture of Simon Legree's cruel treatment of Negro slaves deeply impressed him and he has abhorred the system and all that savored of it up to the present day. The earlier Tafts were directors of the "Underground Railroad," and the escape of "Eliza" was to him a glimpse of realism that struck the tenderest chord in his sympathetic nature. It is to be hoped that, while losing nothing of the lesson imbibed from Harriet Beecher Stowe's immortal story, Judge Taft will give the modern theatre a chance to impress other pictures of life of scarcely less importance to the many classes that make up our body politic.

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A coterie of the leading professional men, business factors and federal officials of Birmingham, Ala., and vicinity, are preparing to give a big "feature" dinner on the order of the celebrated functions given by the Gridiron Club at Washington at which the President of the United States, Supreme Court justices, members of the Cabinet, Congressmen and diplomats are present in large numbers. The affair is being managed by G. W. A. Johnston of the Internal Revenue Service, and it is to be "pulled off" about the middle of January. Distinguished guests from abroad are expected, among them Dr. Booker T. Washington, Emmett J. Scott, J. C. Napier, Col. H. A. Rucker and others from various sections of the South. It is to be the "swellest" social event ever given in Birmingham.

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The co-operative stores proposed by Grand Master W. L. Houston for the towns of the South, to be conducted under the direction of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, will be a boon to our people. The plan will liberate the Negro cotton workers and wage-earners from the clutches of the grasping storekeepers who squeeze their very life out of them and keep them eternally in debt to their establishments by a system of bookkeeping which savors of peonage, to say the least. Let the surplus funds of the Odd Fellows be invested in household supplies at centers, and let groceries, shoes, clothing, etc., be sold at a slight advance over cost, and there will be a revolution in store-keeping methods all over the South. Grand Master Houston's idea opens a fruitful field for Negro commercialism in the section where such an inspiration is most needed.

A VOICE FROM AFAR.

Items of the Twenty-fifth Infantry.

Special to The Freeman.

MANILA, P. I., Nov. 15, 1908.—Since last I wrote you, an entirely new or almost new executive regime has taken place in our country. A new President in the person of the Son. William H. Taft, our former Secretary of War and ex-Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, and whom we have become accustomed to call "the President's Candidate." A new Secretary of War in the person of Luke E. Wright, a Democrat of the staunchest character, a veteran of the Confederate Army, and also ex-Governor-General of the Philippines. Each of these men have arisen in like manner to their present positions, and I should not be surprised if Luke E. Wright was not in future years nominated as the "President's Candidate" to succeed the Honorable Taft. I look with little less than suspicion toward the future administration. We know that the President's former attitude toward the colored troops was anything but favorable; and even though he has done nothing directly against us, he has shown his disapproval in many of his public speeches and interviews. We have known him in his official capacity, and we have many reasons to predict disaster in his dealings with the colored regiments. We have not known the Son. Luke E. Wright, but we know of his principles, his platform and his party. What the future will be cannot be foretold, but I dare say a great chance will take place in the Government.

In the meantime we are still undergoing active military duties in the same manner but more routine than that which prompted the Congress of the United States to reorganize the colored troops in 1869.

Knowing the status of this regiment among the greater mass of the American people, we are doing all in our power to wipe away the blemish which has so unfortunately been cast upon its reputation. There are a great many elements in this up-building movement and the men of the company are for the most part deporting themselves in an honorable manner. But we still have among us, as you will find among every large congregation of men, the never-do-wells, the stragglers and uncouths.

One of the most powerful and important factors in this movement is Chaplain Oscar J. W. Scott, whose logical heart-to-heart sermons of truth and light thrills our very souls. It is said, "The truth hurts," and if that it true, there are many consciences sorely stricken. We have every reason to be proud of our chaplain. He is a man of broad mind and great experience, a minister of the highest type, and one who has pastored some of our largest and most cultured temples of worship. He struggles giantly to furnish the men sane and decent entertainments, and one of his intrinsic movements was centered in the organization of our literary society, which has a direct influence upon the men and inspires them to intellectual attainments and pursuits. That Mr. Scott is sincere in every effort cannot be questioned; he has only to be heard.

Another man who is thoroughly worthy of mention is our chief musician, Elbert Williams. He was for a great while director of the Tuskegee Institute band and orchestra, and is a master of intricate problems in music. He is also the author of a number of instrumental and vocal selections, including two religious pieces. He has reached his position in an honorable manner as a just reward for many struggles.

The Scott Literary Society of the 25th Infantry, although very young and small in numbers, beginning its existence in October, 1907, is for the most part composed of the thoughtful and aspiring element of the regiment. It is through literary and social endeavors it is doing its greatest good. They have had some very creditable entertainments in which every member tried to do his best. The ladies of the regiment have shown a marked pride in this endeavor, working very hard and lending their aid to better every entertainment. Their work is very commendable.

Last November, near Thanksgiving, an article on our voyage to the Philippines was published in The Freeman, and again we have the pleasure of reminding you of our existence on this near approach to the season of Thanksgiving. We have indeed many things to be grateful for, and as you send up your invocations of gratitude to the Creator in the homeland, so do we here in the Far East. Even though we get but little credit for what we and for what we do, as a part of the great offensive and defensive land forces of America, yet we are thankful for what we do receive, believing that some day the sun will shine and the true status of the American Negro soldier, especially the history of this regiment, shall shine forth in its glory; for its pages are filled with honorable and heroic deeds and meritorious service that at some future day will startle Old America.

No hand may help, no word may cheer,
But by whatever gods there be,
Within our hearts there lurks no fear,
And we shall wrest the victory.

DAVID W. ADAMS.
Company B, 25th Infantry, Parang, Moro Province, P. I.

BISHOP GAINES VISITS TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

Special to The Freeman.

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Jan. 5.—Right Rev. Wesley J. Gaines of Atlanta, Ga., bishop of the A. M. E. Church, upon the invitation of Dr. Booker T. Washington, spent several days at Tuskegee Institute this week delivering a course of lectures to the young men of Phelps Hall Bible Training School, a series of lectures in the institute chapel to the 1,500 or more students, the teaching body and the people from the town of Tuskegee and surrounding communities.

Bishop Gaines' popular audiences have numbered from 2,000 to 2,400. Sis visit has been made much of by the teachers and students of the school, and many courtesies have been shown him.

Bishop Gaines is one of the great men of the Negro race who deserves all of the attentions which have been shown him. He has spoken out of a wealth of rich experience and has helped the teachers and students by his coming.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

The Friday Art Club met recently with Mrs. Lee Blue, on South Fayette street, and met Friday, January 8, with Mrs. Lida Tinsley, on South Hardin avenue.... Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown royally entertained about forty friends at their home on Anna street recently in honor of Carl Duncan, of Carrollton. Music and games furnished the amusements. The feature of the evening was ap eanut contest, which was won by Miss Mollie Allen....Mrs. Charles Robinson has gone to Chicago to live....P. F. Dealy is now conducting a grocery store on N. Sandy street....Mrs. Alice Early is on the sick list....Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Brown have returned home after a pleasant visit with relatives in Hadley, Ill....Mrs. McKinney, of Abbington, Ill., mother of Mrs. John McCree, is visiting in the city....An excellent supper was held Thursday night, December 31, at the Second Christian Church and was fairly well attended....Mrs. C. H. Freeman, of Marion street, who has been quite sick, as some better....Mrs. P. F. Dealy and daughter Cliota are visiting in Hannibal, Mo....Mrs. W. M. Triplett, who has been visiting her mother in Carrolton, Miss., and her husabnds folks in Macon, Miss., has returned home....Miss Estelle R. Coles, of Kansas City, Mo., spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. L. A. Herndon, of South Fayette street....Clyde Jackson, of Carrolton, Miss., is visiting Mrs. D. D. Thomas and Mrs. W. M. Triplett....Mrs. M. J. Davis royally entertained at an excellent supper recently a few friends at her home on West Richard street....An excellent reception was tendered to the Blue Ribbon Club members December 30 in the new department of the Bethel A. M. E. church. A good time was enjoyed by all.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to The Freeman.

A very sad accident occurred to Mrs. Birdie Bouns, formerly Miss Birdie Keesee, on the 23d. While she was drawing water from a cistern at her parents' home on First street the cistern top broke in and Mrs. Bouns fell in the cistern and was drowned before she could be rescued. ...Dr. C. A. Kelly has been very ill for the last two weeks...All of our colored churches held communion on the first Sunday in the year of 1909...Abe Tallie died on the 30th from consumption...G. D. White entertained his relatives and friends at his home with a very fine Christmas dinner on the 27th...A great many of our colored citizens left on the 4th to work for the Luckert Wake & Co. tobacco factory at Louisville, Ky...Miss Heddie Beasley and Wm. King of Nashville were married on the 26th at the residence of the bride's parents on Spring street. Miss Beasly is another one of Clarksville's charming belles...Mrs. Laura F. Owens is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Porter, of Parrish, Tenn...Little Dannie Steele received a great many good compliemnts from the people for his cornet solo rendered at the public school. His father, J. P. Steele, is said to be one of the best musicians in the country...A great many Hopkinsville people spent New Year's in the city...Mrs. Matthews of Nashville spent the holidays with Miss Janie Barksdail and returned home on the night of the 3d...Miss Rebecca H. Carter, our city missionary, delivered her farewell address at the Fifth Ward Baptist Church on the 3d. Many of her friends were present. Miss Carter has been with us for eight years and has done much good in the cause of missions.

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CHAPTER I.

DOWN an old trail in the Ghost range, in northwestern Mexico, just across the Arizona border, a mounted prospector wound his way, his horse carefully picking its steps among the broken granite blocks which had tumbled upon the ancient path from the mountain wall above. A burro followed, laden heavily with pack, bed roll, pick, frying pan and battered coffeepot, yet stepping along sure footedly as the mountain sheep that first formed the trail ages ago and whose petrified hoof prints still remain to afford footing for the scarcely larger hoofs of the pack animal.

An awful stillness hung over the scene that was broken only by the click of hoofs of horse and burro upon the rocks and the clatter of the loose stones they dislodged that rolled and skipped down the mountain side. Not a breath of air was stirring, and the sun blazed down from the zenith with such fierce and direct radiation that the wayfarer needed not to observe the shadows to note its exact position in the heavens. Singly among the broken blocks and in banks along the ledges the cactus had burst under the heat, as it were, into the spontaneous combustion of flowery flame. To the traveler passing beside them their red blooms blazed with the irritating superfluity of a torchlight procession at noonday.

The trail leads down to a flat ledge which overlooks the desert and which is the observatory whither countless generations of mountain sheep have been wont to resort to survey the strange world beneath them, with what purpose and what feelings it remains for some imaginative writer of animal stories to inform us. From the ledge to the valley below the trail is free from obstructions and broader, more beaten and less devious than above, indicating that it has been formed by the generations of men toiling up from the valley to the natural watchtower on the heights.

Reaching the ledge, the prospector found that what seemed from the angle above to be an irregular pile of large bowlders was an artificial fortification, the highest wall being toward the mountains. Entering the inclosure, the prospector dismounted, relieved his horse of its saddle and his burro of its pack and proceeded to prepare his midday meal. Looking for the best place where he might light a fire, he observed in the most protected corner a flat stone marked by fire and near it in the rocky ground a pothole, evidently formed for grinding maize. The ashes of ancient fires were scattered about, and in cleaning them off his new found hearth the man discovered a potsherd, apparently of a native olla or water jar, and a chipped fragment of flint too small to indicate whether it had formed part of an Indian arrowhead or had dropped from an old flintlock musket.

"Lucky strike!" observed the prospector. "I was down to my last match." And, gathering some mesquite brush for fuel and rubbing a dead branch into tinder, he drew out a knife and, rapidly and repeatedly striking the back of its blade with the flint, produced a stream of sparks which fell on the tinder. Blowing the while, he started a flame. When the fire was ready the man shook his canteen. "Precious little drink left," he said. "I wish that potsherd carried water as the flint chip does fire. However, there's lots of cactus around here, and they're natural water jars. My knife may get me a drink out of the desert's thorns as well as kindle a fire from its stones. And right here's my watermelon, the bisnaga, the first one I've found in months!" he exclaimed, going over to the edge of the cliff, above the level of which peered the fat head of a cactus covered with spines that were barbed like a fishhook. Its short taproot was fixed in a crevice a few feet below the parapet. Lying on the edge of the cliff, the man sliced off the top of the cactus and began jabbing into its interior, breaking down the fibrous walls of the water cells, of which the top heavy plant is almost entirely composed. In a few moments he arose.

"Now I can empty my canteen in the coffeepot, sure of a fresh supply of water by the time I am ready to mosey along."

He filled the pot, set it on the fire and then pressed the uncorked and empty canteen down into the macerated interior of the bisnaga.

While his coffee was boiling the prospector continued his examination of the fortification, beginning, in the manner of his kind, with the more minute "signs" and ending with what to a tourist would have been the first and only subject of observation—the view. On the inner side of the large bowlder in the wall he discerned the faint outline of a cross painted with red ocher.

Scraping with his pick beneath the rock to see if the emblem was the sign of hidden treasure or relic, he unearthed a rattlesnake. Before it could strike with a quick fling of his tool he sent the reptile whirling high in the air toward the precipice. But from the clump of cactus growth along the parapet arose a sahuaro, with branching arms, and against this the snake was flung. Wrapped around the thorny top by the momentum of the cast, it hung, hissing and rattling with pain and hatred.

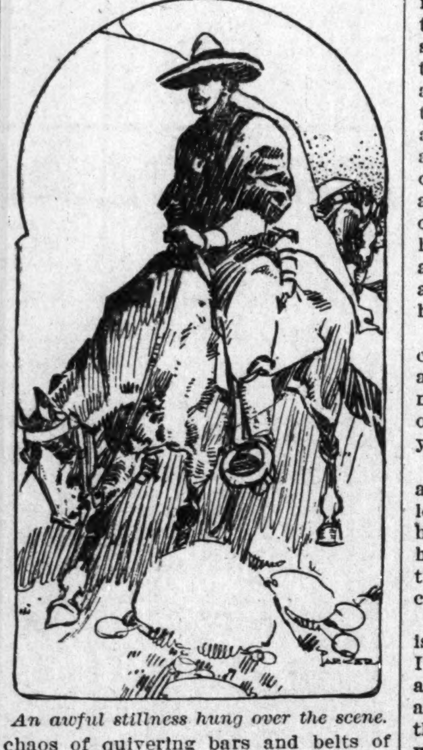
The prospector looked up at the impaled rattlesnake with a smile. Reminiscences of Sunday school flashed across his mind.

"Gee, I'm a regular Moses!" he ejaculated. "First I bring water from the face of the rock, and then I lift up the serpent in the wilderness. The year I've spent in the mountains and desert seems like forty to me, and now at last I have a sight of the promised land. God, what a magnificent view!"

Dropping his pick, he stretched out his arms with instinctive symbolization of the wide prospect and expression of an exile's yearning for his native land.

"Over there is God's country, sure enough," he continued, giving the trite phrase a reverential tone which he had not used in his first expression of the name of Deity. "Thank him, the parallel with old Moses stops right here. Many a time I thought I would never get out of the mountains alive and that my grave would be unmarked by so much as a bowlder with a red cross upon it. But now before night I'll be back in the States and in three more days at home on the old ranch. I promised to return in a year, and I'll make good to the hour. I sure did hate to leave that strike, though, after all the hard luck I had been having. Sixty dollars a day and growing richer! But the last horn was blowing—no tobacco, six matches and nothing left of the bacon but rinds. Well, the gold is there, and the claim 'll bring whatever I choose to ask for it. And Echo shall have a home as good as Allen Hacienda and a ranch as fine as Bar One. Yes, it'll be Bar None, my ranch!"

Out of the sea of molten air that stretched before him, that nebulous chaos of quivering bars and belts of heated atmosphere which remains above the desert as a memorial of the first stage of the entire planet's existence, the imagination of the prospector created a paradise of his own. There took shape before his eyes a Mexican hacienda, larger and more beautiful even than that of Echo's father, the beau ideal of a home to his limited fancy. And on the piazza in front, covered with flowering vines, there stood awaiting him the slender figure of a woman, with outstretched arms and dark eyes, tender with yearning love.



An awful stillness hung over the scene.

"Echo—Echo Allen!" he murmured, fondly repeating the name. "No, not Echo Allen, but Echo Lane, for Dick Lane has redeemed his promise and returns to claim you as his own."

As he gazed upon the shimmering heat waves which distorted and displaced the objects within and beneath them a group of horsemen suddenly appeared to him in the distance and as suddenly vanished in thin air.

"Rurales!" ejaculated Lane. "I wonder if they are chasing Apaches. That infernal mirage gives you no idea of distance or direction. If the red devils have got away from Crook and slipped by these greaser rangers over the border, they'll sure be making straight for the Ghost range and by this very trail. If so, I'm at the best place on it to meet them, and here I stay till the coast is clear." Turning to the red cross on the rock, he reflected, "Perhaps, after all, it's a case of 'Nebo's lonely mountain.'"

Lane had hardly reached this conclusion before he found it justified by the sight of a mounted Apache in the regalia of war emerging from a hidden dip in the trail below the fortification. Lane dropped behind the parapet, evidently before he was observed, as the steadily increasing number and loudness of the hoof beats on the rocky trail indicated to the listener.

Crawling back to his horse and burro, he made them lie down against the upper wall and picketed them with short lengths of rope to the ground, for he foresaw that danger could come only from the mountain side. Taking his Winchester, he returned to the parapet and, half seated, half reclining behind it, opened fire on the unsuspecting Apaches. The leader, shot through the head, fell from his horse, which reared and backed wildly down the trail. Other bullets must have found their billets also, but because of the confusion which ensued among the Indians the prospector was unable to tell how many of them he had put out of action. In a flash every rider had leaped off his horse and, protecting himself by its body, was scrambling with his mount to the protecting declivity in the rear. The prospector was sorely tempted to pump his cartridges into the group as it poured back over the rim of the hollow, but he desisted from the useless slaughter of horses alone, knowing that he could be attacked only on foot and that every one of his slender store of cartridges must find a human mark if he would return to the States alive. "They've got to put me out of business before they can go on," he ruminated. "An Apache is a good deal of a coward when he's fighting for pleasure, but just corner him, and, great snakes and spittin' wildcats, what a game he does put up! I must save my cartridges, for one thing's sure—they won't waste any of theirs. They're not as good shots as white men, for ammunition is too scarce with them for use in gun practice, so they won't fire till they've got me dead to rights. Let me see. There's about a dozen left in the party, and I have fifteen cartridges. That's three in reserve for my own outfit if some of the others fail to get their men. Those red devils enjoy skinning an animal alive as much as torturing a man, and you can bet they won't save me any bullets by shooting Nance and Jinny."

Reasoning that the Indians would not dare to attack by way of the open trail in front and that it would take some time for them to make the detour necessary to approach him from above, since they would have to leave their ponies below and climb on hands and knees over jutting ledges and around broken granite blocks, Lane coolly proceeded to drink his coffee and eat his lunch of hard bread and cold bacon rind. After he had finished he gave a lump of sugar to each of his animals and pressed his cheek with an affectionate hug against the side of his horse's head.

"Old girl," he said, "I'm sorry we can't take a parting drink, for I'm afraid neither of us will reach our next water hole. But you can count on me that the red devils won't get you."

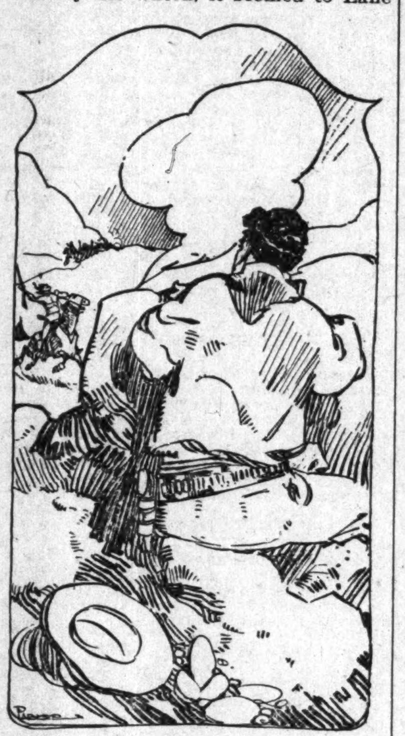
Then, going to his pack, he undid it and took out a double handful of yellow nuggets and a number of canvas bags. These he deposited in the pothole and, prying up the flat stone of the fireplace, laid it over them and covered the stone with embers.

"It's a ten to one shot that they finish me," he reflected, "but the wages I've paid for by a year of hard work and absence from her side stay just as near Echo Allen as I can bring them alive and, if there's any truth in what they say about spirits disclosing in dreams the place of buried treasure, with the chance of my getting them to her after I am dead."

Taking the useless bowlders from the edge of the cliff, but carefully, so as not to expose himself to the fire of the Apaches, he piled them on top of the upper wall in such a fashion as to form little turrets. He left an opening in each, through which he could observe in turn each point of the compass whence danger might be expected and could fire his Winchester without exposing himself. Then he began going from post to post on a continuous round of self imposed sentinel duty. "If I could only climb the sahuaro," he thought, "and fly my red shirt as a flag to let the rurales know I've flanked the enemy, it might hurry them along in time to put a crimp in these devils before they get me. But it'll have to be 'hold the fort' without any 'Oh, say can you see!' business. Anyhow, I'm flying the rattlesnake flag of Bunker Hill, 'Don't tread on me!' Whether the rurales see it or not, I've saved their hides. If the Apaches had got to this fort first, gee, how they would have crumpled up the greasers as they came along the trail!"

Rendered thirsty by his exertions, Lane remembered the canteen in the bisnaga, which he had forgotten among his other preparations for defense. He cautiously reached his hand over the ledge and secured the precious vessel, but as he was withdrawing it, ping, came a bullet through the canteen, knocking it out of his hand! As it fell clattering down the side of the ledge he groaned: "Good shooting! They've probably left their best marksman below with the ponies. No hope for escape on that side. Well, there's some consolation in the thought that they'll undoubtedly finish me before I get too thirsty. Glad it wasn't my hand."

Although the period he spent waiting for the attack was less than an hour by his watch, it seemed to Lane so long that he had hopes that the rurales would appear in time to rescue him. His spirits rose with the prospect. Looking about him at the walls, the fireplace and the red cross, he reflected, "I am not the first man, or even the first white man, that has withstood an attack in this place." In imagination he constructed the history of the fort. Here, in ages remote, a tribe of Indians, defeated and driven to the mountains, had constructed an outpost against their enemies of the plain, but these had captured the stronghold and fortified it against its former occupants. Later a band of Spanish gold seekers had made a stand here against natives whom they had roused against them by oppression. Or, perhaps, as indicated by the cross, it had afforded refuge to the mission fathers, those heroic souls who had faced the horrors of the inferno-like desert in their saintly efforts to convert its fiendish inhabitants.



The leader, shot through the head, fell from his horse.

With his mind occupied by apprehensions Lane looked at the rattlesnake upon the sahuaro, whose struggles by this time had diminished to a feeble movement of the tail.

"Poor old rattler!" he thought. "I wish I could spare a cartridge to put you out of your misery."

At length as Lane peered up the mountain side he saw a brush on a ledge a little to the left of the trail quiver as if stirred by a passing breath of wind. He aimed his Winchester through a crack in the wall at the spot, and when a moment later an Apache rose up from the ground and leaped toward the shelter of a rock below Lane fired, and the savage fell crumpling. Like an echo of the explosion a rifle on the right spoke, and a bullet struck the rock by Lane's head. He marked the spot whence the shot came and quickly ran to another part of the wall. From here he saw the edge of an Indian's thigh exposed by the side of the bowlder he had noted. Crack went Lane's Winchester. The leg was suddenly withdrawn, and at the same moment a head appeared on the other side of the rock, as if the Indian had stretched himself out involuntary. Crack again, and Lane had got his man.

"Two shots to an Indian is expensive," thought the prospector; "otherwise this game of tip-jack would be very interesting."

There was a cry in the Apache tongue, and suddenly nine half naked bodies arose from behind rocks and bushes extending in an irregular crescent above the fort and rushed forward ten, fifteen and even twenty yards to the next cover. Lane did not count number or distance at the time, but he figured these out in his next period of waiting from the photograph flashed on his subconscious mind. At the time of the rush he was otherwise occupied. Crack, crack, and two of the Indians fell dead in midcareer. Crack, and a third crawled, wounded, to the cover he had almost safely attained. Crack, and an eagle feather in the head of the fourth Indian shot at was cut off at the stem and fell forward on the rock behind which its wearer had dropped just in time to save his life. There was an answering volley from the rifles of the remaining Apaches, which was directed against the lookout of loose stones from which the prospector's fire had come. One of the bullets penetrated the opening and plowed a furrow through Lane's scalp, toppling him to his knees. He scrambled quickly to his feet and, hastily pressing his long hair back from his forehead to stanch the bleeding wound, sought the protection of the middle lookout. He congratulated himself.

"Lucky for me they didn't follow the first rush immediately with a second. Now I know to wait for their signal. Six and possibly seven of them are left, and they will storm my works in two more attempts. Here they come!"

The call again sounded. Six Apaches leaped forward, and from the rock that concealed the wounded warrior a shot rang out in advance of the first discharge from Lane's Winchester. The Indian's bullet scored the top of the turret and filled the eyes of the man behind it with powdered stone. The prospector, already dazed by his wound, fired wildly and missed his mark. Quickly recovering himself, he fired again and again, severely wounding two Apaches. These lay clawing the ground within twenty yards of the wall. The four remaining Indians were safely concealed at the same distance, protected no less by the fortification than by the loose bowlders behind which they crouched for the final spring. Lane realized the fact that his next shots to be effective must be at a downward angle and to fire them he must expose himself.

"This is my finish," he thought to himself. "Better be killed instantly than tortured. I hope all four will hit me. Goodby, Jinny"—crack went his rifle. "Goodby, Nance"—crack again.

At the two shots, surmising that the prospector had shot himself and his horse, the Apaches did not wait for the signal, but sprang forward and climbed upon the wall before Lane had had time to mount it. Two of them he shot as they leaped down within the inclosure. As he reversed his Winchester to kill himself with the last cartridge he noted that the two remaining Apaches had dropped their rifles and were leaping upon him to take him alive. He brought his clubbed weapon down upon the head of one of them, crushing his skull. At the same instant Lane was borne to the ground by the other Apache, who, seizing him by the throat, began throttling him into insensibility. In desperation Lane bethought himself of the cliff and by a mighty effort whirled over upon his captor toward the precipice. The ground sloped slightly in that direction, and the combatants rolled over and over to the very edge of the cliff, where the Indian, for the first time realizing that the prospector's purpose was to hurl both of them to destruction, loosened his hold upon the prospector's throat that he might use his hands to brace himself against the otherwise inevitable plunge into the valley below. In an instant Lane's hands were at the Indian's throat, and in another turn he was uppermost and kneeling upon his foe at the very verge of the precipice.

(Continued Next Week,)

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Lulu Green and Alex Wright were married on Tuesday, Dec. 29, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Gaines, on 32d avenue between 11th and 12th street. Rev. H. W. Bowens performed the ceremony; he is pastor of El Bethel Baptist Church. The couple left on the M. & O. northbound train at 1:40 p. m. for their new home in Chicago...Miss Emma Miller returned to her school at State Line on Sunday, Jan. 3...Rev. L. S. Lee is preaching some plain sermons at New Hope Baptist Church, beginning with the first Sunday in January. The Sabath school is being somewhat revived by the newly elected superintendent, H. H. Hallie...Strangers visiting our city at any time are most cordially invited to come and worship with us. Seats are free...Mrs. Vina Simms will leave on Sunday, Jan. 10, for her home in Tuskaloosa, Ala. She will return again soon...The celebration of Emancipation day was largely attended at the Haven Chapel M. E. Church, East End, on Jan. 1. Program was as follows: Scripture reading, Rev. D. L. Morgan; prayer, Rev. N. W. Wallace; introductory remarks by the president, Rev. L. S. Lee; reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, Mrs. M. E. Johnson; report of the race editor, Miss G. C. Jones; race statistics, Mrs. M. A. Smith. Dr. H. H. Buckingham was the orator of the day and he spoke with power and demonstration. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. L. B. Blacklege. Miss A. E. Ziplett is organist; Rev. L. S. Lee, D. D., president, and Prof. W. M. Hopkins B. P., secretary.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 16, 1909.

The beautiful is here this week in all of its copiousness. Any lost time has been accounted.

The colored teachers will have no objection to the Jim Crow cars provided the law is enforced equally.

A good common sense education is the best asset for the child—a fanciful education, unballasted by common sense, is the poorest.

The recent catastrophe in Italy beggars description. It was one long horror. The world has been exceedingly good to the unfortunates.

It is said that the infant Emperor of China has thirty nurses on his staff. Well, a live, active baby can use about fifteen. The other fifteen are merely honorary nurses, rather than nurses de facto.

It is said that President Roosevelt has sent forty-two messages to Congress in eighteen days. Mr. Roosevelt is prolific in most things. He likes things in the big—bears, lions, Panama canals, scalps, etc.

William Coulson, of Des Moines, Ia., has served as messenger for five Governors of his State. Fourteen continuous years is his record. He will retire next spring with the outgoing Governor.

A little colored boy, Joe Smith, eight years, carried eleven little children out of a burning building in Philadelphia last week. He would look well with a Carnegie medal about his neck.

In these days coal looks good, the cart and even the driver. Sounds a trifle like fiction, "don't" it? Not a scintilla of it. Get without the price, then get a line on your imagination. Coal and potatoes look alike in these bleak days.

Governor Hanly was true to his convictions up to the moment he retired from office. He is one of the bitterest foes to the drinking evil known to the State. In leaving the executive chair, in his final message, he did not fail to pay it his respects.

Oscar W. Reid, one of the discharged soldiers, sought to recover his pay in the Supreme Court last week. He failed of satisfaction, since that court takes no cognizance of cases where less than $3,000 is involved. The amount Reid claims is only $122.

According to report the Negro troops abroad will sail for the States in the spirng. The Tenth Cavalry will be stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, the Ninth Cavalry at Fort D. A. Russell and the Twenty-fifth Infantry at Fort Logan, Colo., and Whipple Barrack, Ariz.

Senator Tillman says the President hates him. Wonder if that is part of his defense? Perhaps the motive of attack will be to help his side of the case. Don't be hurt, Senator; remember that you yourself are accused of monstrous action which have won you some little dislike.

A bunch of colored fellows more or less known to fame are very anxious to take some of Jack Johnson's glory away from him. From appearance and accounts Johnson is not much less than a giant. If he fights square he gives evidence of holding the championship for many days.

Mr. Tillman is doing some tall talking to clear his skirts. He didn't do it, he says; he knows he didn't do it. Now that's all right, Mr. Tillman; but kindly make us know you didn't do it. Oh, yes, you hold a great office, next to the President and all like that, but what about that timber land?

The Democracy of Indiana knows who logically deserves the United States Senatorship. And the chances are that it will be properly bestowed at the proper time. Then, again, the wrong thing might be done. If so, the party will clearly forfeit its opportunity for political longevity in the State.

Less lynching during the New Year will be a very acceptable condition. Equal facilities for equal money for Negro travelers ought to be more than a dream during the new year. The colored people should treat themselves better during the new year by taking on more activities. The field is wide and in no sense restricted.

Race leaders are getting down to "hard pan" in their comment on the race. A few years ago adverse criticism was held to be treason. It is getting to be different and very much for the better. The mission of the press, the pulpit, the forum, is to criticise, to utter warnings in the sense of constraining that the best may result.

The well-known Rev. Dr. E. C. Morris is temporary editor of the Baptist Vanguard. The Freeman hopes that he may be permanent. The craft of quill shovers doubtless will appreciate the new member. If the doctor succeeds in shining there as he has in his church work, we may well exclaim that there is a new Richmond in the field. A stout lance in a skilled hand is what may be expected of this latest entry to the lists.

The Emancipation Proclamation was read at the Des Moines celebration. It is more than what can be said of many others. Not that the document should necessarily be read, but there should be reference to it or to Abraham Lincoln. An observation of the day without some reference to the great emancipator is as Hamlet out of the play. It does not mean the waving of the "bloody shirt" nor the violation of the proprieties of the day.

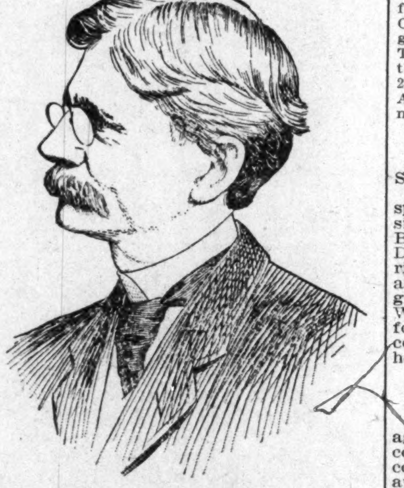
The inauguration of Thomas R. Marshall as Governor of Indiana was the chief event of political circles this week. Mr. Marshall is a Democrat. He was nominated under favorable auspices—a united Democracy—an almost unheard of event in the history of that party. Beyond this, he is a thorough-going, upright man, intelligent and practical in his principles. His inauguration speed is after the manner of the man—indicative of a disposition to conduct the office as he would a first-class conducted private business.

The Colored Law and Order League is a recent organization of Cincinnati, O. Judging by the advertised purpose of its existence, it is a most worthy movement. Some of its objects are: For the protection of men and women from insults on the public streets. To suppress open lewdness. To confine licentious actions, such as cursing, drinking, crap-shooting, beer buying by minors of whatever sex. To prevent women coming on the streets for immoral purposes. To see why parents do not send their children to the various Sunday schools. To prosecute parents who will send their children into saloons to buy beer and whisby; or to bring or carry laundry into houses of bad repute. Prosecute saloon keepers who will allow minor boys and girls into their places to drink or sell them liquor of any kind. To prosecute proprietors of any places of questionable reputation where girls are caught or seen, whether working or for other purposes. The league will operate with the officers of the law in bringing about the reform.

GOVERNOR MARSHALL OF INDIANA.

The new Governor of Indiana in his inaugural address last Monday proved one of that class of close thinkers that have within the recent years come in for recognition. His speech was filled with timely, sage remarks that bore unmistakable evidence of being of one who is not simply a politician, but a true guardian of the interests of the State, and its citizens so far as it falls within the lines of his duty.

When the Governor said, "As I owe to you loyal service, you owe to me respect, confidence and support until, by lack of ability or dishonor, I may have justly forfeited the same," he summed fairly all the cardinal virtues of a republic. He does not mean that the citizen shall any more shirk his duty than he shirk his duty. Obligations are taken in either event, and in which the citizen also must live up to. He called attention to the fact that he, merely nominally Governor, can do nothing unless upheld and supported by the people. He gives it out plainly that he knows the duties of the citizen and those of the executive, and will expect the same of the citizen as is exacted of him.



THOMAS R. MARSHALL,
The New Governor of Indiana.

The Governor is in for freedom of thought, freedom of the press, in worship. He wants the broad mantle of charity spread, permitting unto others as one himself may do in these matters. He insists on honest and faithful servants, not those that live as leeches, pariahs and parasites, on others where they do not belong. He stands for the unbribed legislator, the unbought public servant wheresoever. These are the things that make for first-class civil conditions, and which so aptly fits the Governor's text, as to the duties of the citizens. He would permit the citizen nothing that he would not do when in public office, the essence of which remark is that public office is a public trust and no private snap.

Mr. Marshall insists that laws should be honestly made and honestly obeyed; he will not look with leniency on the infractions when brought to his notice. In other words, he came, as he says, not to make the laws, but to enforce them. He suggests that laws be enacted when those present fail of their purpose.

Many more instances may be given of the close attention the new Governor has paid to the affairs of the State in the sense of better citizenship. He concluded as follows:

"And so, my fellow-citizens, let us approach the discharge of our duties with reverence for the high ideals upon which our system of government is founded, and with a renewed sense of the personal responsibility which rests equally upon every man in Indiana to see that all the inherent rights of the people are preserved; that officers do not usurp any function of government which has not been expressly delegated to them, but give to the people an honest, economical and business-like administration of public affairs.

"These are the ends toward which, doubtless often blindly, I will strive. To the attainment of them, may I not ask your hearty co-operation by way of advice, assistance, constant watchfulness and a genuine effort everywhere in Indiana to elevate, if need be, and hold aloft constantly these insignia of good government and these banners of victorious conquest over all those foes who are inimical both to the best form of government and its best administration?"

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
C. W. Dryer, head waiter at the Commercial Club, proprietor of the Dwyer Hotel, and the first Exalted Ruler of the Elks of this city, was presented with a handsome Elks' ring with a diamond setting as a token of appreciation and high regard by his crew, on New Year's day. The crew is made up of the following: Sam Wimps, second waiter; Mose Wright, third waiter; Charles Carter, first captain; Lloyd Smith, second captain; Walter Carroll, head bussman; Willie Neal, C. Hilliard, W. Warnick, A. Brown, R. M. Toombs, F. W. Baxter, J. Bainey, C. Brown, F. Humphrey, Dr. Francis, Y. Neil, A. Jackson, C. Foster, W. Baxter, Bert Yeers, J. Jordan, H. Leonard, L. Donden, W. M. Franklin, O. Price, C. Banks, J. Quinn, H. Thomas, J. Jordan.

BALTIMORE, MD.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
Geo. Johnson, who has been sick a few days, is at work again. He is train porter from Baltimore to Wheeling and Cincinnati... The following men have given good service at the Camden Station: Jas. Jiggizs, Monroe Robinson, W. M. Miller, Richard McMair, Daniel Howes, John Goines, J. E. Robinson of Bolivar.

PITTSBURG, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
Miss Susie Bradshaw of Louisville, Ky., who has been visiting in Toledo, O., passed through our city and spent a few days with Mrs. Susie Phelps.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
Randolph Robinson, our silver king, formerly of Humboldt, Tenn., has just recovered from an attack of la grippe... THE FREEMAN is on sale at Walter Edward's cigar store, 192 Fourth street... Mrs. Annie Brown is proprietress of the cafe at the Howard Hotel in Fourth street... Mrs. Valle is ill at her home in Fourth street... The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brown, formerly of Springfield, O., and left a bouncing baby boy weighing nine pounds.

BIG ROCK, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
As this is our first correspondence from this section, we hope to see it in print... Rev. J. H. Martin, the great revivalist of Clarksville, Tenn., and daughter, Mrs. Anna Wynne Martin, were guests of Prof. and Mrs. P. D. Kingin of this city during the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Martin and daughter made many friends while here. ...Rev. P. D. Kingin preached at Weaver's Chapel the last Sunday in the old year... S. F. Dudley, the colored photographer, was one of the callers of Mrs. Martin... Prof. P. D. Kingins left for Clarksville the 30th but is now home and has started school on the 4th.

SPOKANE, WASH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
Mrs. F. L. Wilson and Mrs. C. S. Ryan entertained on the 4th at Improvement Hall in honor of Mrs. Asberry, of Tacoma, who is visiting Mrs. C. S. Ryan.... The K. of P. held their annual installation at Corbin Park Hall on the 5th. The lodge had with them Sir J. P. Powell, of Jefferson, Tex., who gave them a fine history of the lodge and their duties.... Wm. McKinney, who was at the Deaconess Hospital suffering with paralysis, died on the 7th. The Odd Fellows took charge of the body and gave him all the honors of the order.... The waiters made their report on the 3d on the finance made from their concert on the 22d of December and turned over to eBthel A. M. Church $49, for which Rev. S. S. Freeman thanked them on behalf of the church.

JACKSON, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, who have been spending the holidays with Mrs. Wilson's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks, have returned home to Niles... Dr. and Mrs. Reaves, manager of Mysterious Black Cat's Evil Eye Company, and his company, are in the city the guests of Mrs. Reaves' brother, High Warden... A social was given on Jan. 19 for the benefit of the church fund... The committee on the old folks' home were here last week and released Rev. Artist.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Concerning James Johnson, 12 years of age; wore gray sweater with high red collar and cuffs, blue blouse pants, brown coat, gray stockings, cap. Was in Indianapolis Dec. 19. Address Mrs. Capitola Johnson, 701 South Madison street, Muncie, Ind., or Chief of Police, Indianapolis.

WORK AMONG THE CLUBS

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This will be a memorial occasion in the history of the Baptists of the state. It is reported that the leading Baptists of the state will participate in the exercises. The program is now being arranged and men and women of nifluence in the denomination will be heard on that day. The building is one of the handsomest structures in the city and it is of modern construction and stands as a monument to the Baptists. The Baptists Womens Education Convention has played quite a prominent part in the erection of the institution and they will most likely have charge of all arrangements.

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First mask of the season given by Evans and Young at their dancing academy Tuesday night, January 19. All invited.

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Our local singer, Miss Lauretta Dodd, was in splendid voice last Sunday at Our Merciful Savior Church.

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The Freeman had a big sale last week. Many claim that it was very newsy and for this reason large numbers were purchased.

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All members please be at our next rehearsal. eW solicit your presence January 19, at the Church of Our Merciful Savior.

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Prof. John H. Jackson, president of the State Normal School of Frankfort, Ky., is expected in the city later on during the year to deliver an address to the Louisville Teachers' Institute.

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Society is very quite in the city. Everybody is taking a rest. There are only a few card parties now and then. A few theater parties have ben planned for next week.

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They tell us that Lawyer W. H. Wright, Rochellie Smith and Dr. R. W. Oliver are going to run for office. If they are, they must come out and let the press and people see you.

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James Williams skipped town with over c3,000 belonging to whites as well as blacks. Whatever may be said of Williams he got the white man as well as the "brother." The detectives all over the country are on the lookout for Williams, the real estate man, and wherever he comes up they will most likely land him. eH will face a number of indictments in the city of Louisville as well as other places.

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It is usually the so-called "Big Negro" who wants everything and don't want to pay for the services given him. He never pays his debts and expects others to pay him. He wants all the offices and handle all the money, use the printer's ink, and because he is "big" he wants to give you the cold shoulder. He forgets that type-setting, printer's ink and mailing costs something, yet he wants "free doings." We for one have gone up on this kind of big Negro and hope he will be relegated to the rear.

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The matinee dance given January 1, 1909, at 13th and Walnut by classes '02 and '03 was a novel affair. Among the out-of-town guests were Misses Iona and Laura Smith, Nettie Selkirk; Messrs. Edw. Slaughter, A. C. Brown, Alonzo Brock, of Chicago, Wm. Mathias, New York, Jno. Hillman, California. Mr. Jas. W. Brown was master of ceremonies, while Misses Mayme Withers Taylor, Georgia Carter and Lillian Pope were hostesses. The visiting girls were brought by Messrs. Cassius Smith, Wm. Grimes and Ernest Pope. Good music and refreshments. Covers were laid for fifty four. Watch for our Easter soiree.

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A great celebration of the one hundredth birthday anniversary of Abe Lincoln will take place here February 12, at the Chestnut-street C. M. E. Church, and Lawyer N. R. Harper is to be its head. Kentucky especially will do its share on this occasion. All over the state orators and statesmen will play their part in cities, towns and at Lincoln farm. The citizens of Louisville should begin to make it a memoral occasion. We did so last year, and it should be done again. The local committee will have to move up and have citizens committees that will take an interest in the movement. Lawyer Harper is doing all he can to make it a success, and the citizens should help him.

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Miss Lucy Flint, the clerk in the Baptist Foreign Mission office, 726 West Walnut street, is being congratulated on the efficient way in which she does her work. She is one of the most successful clerks in the city and has a reputation of being acturate and reliable. With the lightning adding machine she sums all the sums of the office, files letters and makes a weekly, monthly and yearly report. Her reports are excellent and often cause the board to speak in commendatory terms of her work. She is also secretary of the State Baptist Educational Convention and her work for this body has caused the women to comment favorably upon the work of Miss Flint.

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Unless the local Negro League has better things than they have been having some new action will have to be made with reference to its president. eH is either in the wrong office or his committees are not working. We migh just as well be plain about the matter. Brother Knight is not getting the best results and any one who attended the last meeting will or can not say that he is making the necessary progress that should be made up to this time. There is no question about the League not going to meet here that has ben settled, but there must be a little better understanding about the duty of the committees before the young men let Knight and his friends domineer. Let us harmonize and we can do a great deal.

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While most of the appointments of Governor Wilson are limited, so say the colored Republicans in Frankfort, and are appointments made from boards, it does seem that the Governor should have such influence as would be necessary to remember the "brother." In Frankfort the Negroes have no respectable jobs at all. They don't rank above that of a janitor, and yet they gave Governor Wilson 40,000 votes. These Negoes helped to deliver the goods, and yet they are being told to wait. Keep on waiting, brother, the sun will shine bye and bye in your favor. eW must either divide the vote or not be satisfied with waiting. The Governor of West Virginia appointed a Negro as State Librarian a few days ago, and Governor Wilson a Negro for assistant janitor.

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It is a shame on the young men who are connected with the Young Men's Progressive League to let it go to slep and become inactive. At one time some of the best discussion we have heard anywhere by young men of class and standing, young men of education and refinement, were present caused others to feel lifted up and become hopeful of success. eW have entertained as high as fifty men, but lately you can't get a corporal's guard at a meeting. It does seem that new life could be injected in the organization. Let the doctor, who, by the way, is president, give it a "Hypo" and some nursing, and maybe it will rally from its illness or insomnia. Possibly before spring a little tonic will have on the road to convalesence. Our prescription would be, "Get Busy" everybody. They have money in the bank and it is not doeing any one any good. eW move to buy or else.

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It was a splendid sight the other night at the home of Mr. Thomas Harris, 826 West Walnut street, to see fifty young Negroes, not in the profession, but of the plain, sturdy set, assemble at a banquet and discuss race issues and those things that might best foster their interest in their daily work. There were young men of character and standing in the various walks of an industrial life present to lend their assistance in making the banquet a success. It was a success. Not necessarily in eating, as the table was a beautiful sight, loaded with delicacies of the season, but because A. R. Wilhoite and others started those present to thinking. Mr. Wilhoite's address was the feature of the evening. While it was true that some of those present were in a happy mood, yet there were others who, after hearing Mr. Wilhoite, made it known that it was decided to make it a permanent organization and that it be known as the Cosmopolitan Club. At the banquet Mr. Lucian Riley acted as toastmaster. He was followed by Mr. A. R. Wilhoite, who struck the keynote of the evening. He declared that it was time for the young Negroes to begin to think. He spoke of their duty in city affairs and much more could be done by them if they would only stop and think. He tolk of the progress of other races that produced thinkers, and said that is what the Negro race today must do, and that is to produce thinkers. "Division of Negro Vote" was the subject of Cary B. Lewis, and he showed that it was to the best interests of the Negroes to divide locally, as whatever party went in power the brother would be remembered if he played politics. He showed that other races divide and get all other "pie." The brother goes one way and gets but little. He said we must make friends with our political foes, especially here in the South, where we ned them mostly. "Indepence" was the subject of George Evans, and his paper on that night was one that challenged the admiration of all present. Mr. Evans prepared his address and it was a gem. Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore, one of the most popular physicians and a man of the people, was present and spoke on "Organization." The subject of Dr. Lattimore was very appropriate and he urged the young men to continue the organization and gave a number of results that come from organization. Bridgeford Simms, one of the most humorous fellows in the city was present and kept the boys in an uproar of laughter throughout the night. Speeches were made by a number of others whom we do not recall, but it goes without saying that those who spoke were men of excellent thought and experience. The gathering was one of the largest of its kind ever held in the city and they discussed every phase of the Negro and what he was doing in Louisville. While some "hot shot" were given out doing the night, there were also some rapid firing guns at intervals. Plans were mapped out for another meeting later, but some of the men who were present at the last meeting will not be asked in the permanent organization.

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The death of Miss Prosser, of West Chestnut street, was quite a shock to the people of the West End. Miss Prosser was an excellent singer and possessed a charming voice. She has been heard here a number of times, but often has she sung in other parts of the country. Miss Prosser did most of her work at Chautauquas and her reputation had grown far and wide. She was on the road to success when a few days ago she became ill and an operation was necessary. The operation did not prove successful and she died, leaving a host of relatives and friends.

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Louisville and New Albany will welcome to the Falls Cities on Sunday Mr. J. Ed. Green, one of the most widely known theatrical men of the race. He will be with the "Samrt Set." His friends in this section will be glad to see him. eH is writing a new show for next season and from his experience and ability it is promised to be a "Corker." The old folks at home as well as the younger hereabouts stretch out a hand of welcome to Mr. Gren, and we hope his stay will be pleasant and enjoyable.

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Two leading colored Republicans at the City Hall have charge of apointing all the jobs in the gift of the Mayor. They are known as the Big Five, and you can't get a place unless you see them. Then from this we learn the brother has a machine. Lookout for the "Steam Roller."

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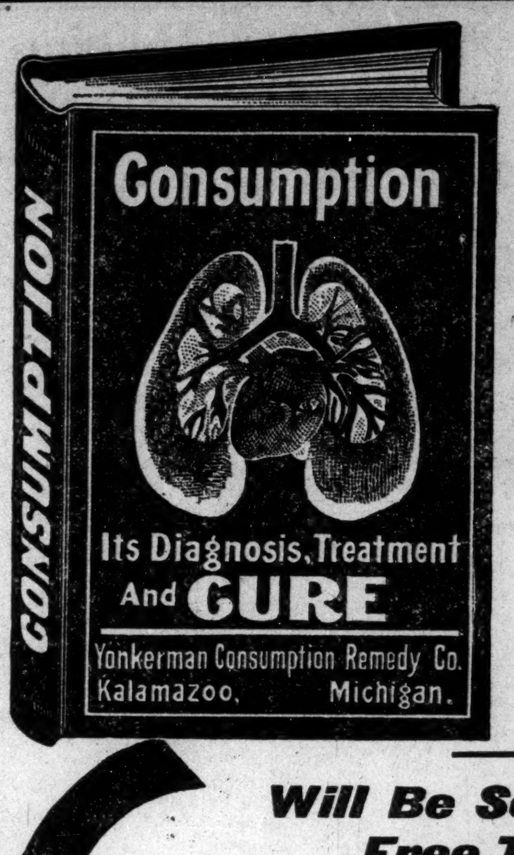
The Embroidery Club gave a Japanese ball during the holidays at the residence of Mrs. Walton, 1110 West Walnut street. It was a grand affair. All the ladies were dressed like Japs and the gentlemen were in full dress. It was rumored that Miss Iona Kean and Miss Sallie Woods were the two finest dressed Japs present. All had a delightful time. The house was decorated for the occasion with all kinds of flowers of the season. Splendid music was furnished and all kinds of refreshments served... E. J. Carlisle, 1215 West Walnut street, has been sick all through the holidays, but is able to be out again. ...Miss Susie Sandusky will soon be out again... John Shanks' mother has been very sick, but is improving slowly... Harvey Kirks and Lee Woodruff, head blaster and foreman for the United States Government, has done a great work building a dam across the Ohio river on the Indiana side for the nine-foot stage of water from Pittsburg to Cairo. It is a great credit to our race to see these two men blasting and directing the work of a gang of men. Their superior officers are much pleased with them and can trust them to do any kind of work on the falls.

CARY B. LEWIS.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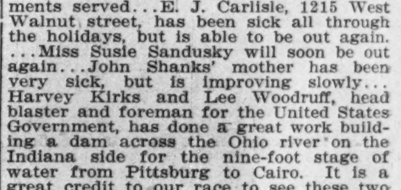

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PROCLAMATION!

To the United Brothers of Friendship, Sisters of the Mysterious Ten and Knights of Friendship of United States of America, Canada and Africa.

GREETING:

According to the action of the last session of the National Grand Lodge held at Lexington, Ky., July 31 to August 3, 1906, that body adjourned to meet at St. Paul, Minn., July 26 to July 31, 1909.

At the approaching session it is earnestly hoped that we may enact such legislation as will serve to emphasize and enlarge the usefulness of the National Grand Lodge and so raise its standard of efficiency and beneficial influence, that henceforth the National Grand Lodge will be an inspiration to its membership.

This is our opportunity. The spirit of jealousy and antagonism that has prompted certain white fraternal organizations to seek to oust their black brethren, emphasises more and more our impregnable position in the World's Fraternal-Beneficial Movement.

The Order of United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten is the product of Negro brain and energy. At a period, the darkest in the history of our race, it came as an inspiration to the founders of our Order, that union and friendship are prerequisites to a strong and prosperous people; that in our struggle upward we should demand no more than exact Justice, and in our dealings with our fellowmen we should be willing to give no less; that Deeds of Mercy are "Gems for our Crown," and should never be wanting when circumstances require their dispensation; and lastly that Truth should be the guide to our conduct and should characterize our every utterance.

With these sentiments in our hearts let each member resolve to make the approaching National Grand Lodge session one of the most harmonious and at the same time one of the most profitable in the history of the Order.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

Each Grand Lodge that has paid the national tax, as required by law, shall be entitled to three delegates; each subordinate lodge that has complied with the laws and regulations of the Order shall be entitled to one delegate. The same basis of representation applies to the other bodies.

NATIONAL TAX.

Section 6, page 8, of the Constitution provides "no delegate shall be allowed as a representative of any Grand Lodge or from any subordinate lodge whose taxes is not paid, so far as due, and having in his possession the properly signed credentials." This provision of Constitution will be strictly enforced.

All National Grand Lodge taxes should be forwarded to B. K. Bruce, acting National Grand Secretary, at Leavenworth, Kansas. All inquiries as to the National Grand Temple should be addressed to Miss Martha V. Webster, N. G. P., 1127 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky. All communications meant for the National Grand Camp should be addressed either to Bro. Sanford Saunders, N. K. C., Cincinnati, O., or Dr. J. A. Lester, N. K. R., Nashville, Tenn.

Now therefore I, Walter M. Farmer, National Grand Master, by virtue of the power in me vested and of the action of the National Grand Lodge, do call the National Grand Lodge United Brothers of Friendship, the National Grand Temple, Sisters of the Mysterious Ten and the National Grand Camp to assemble and meet in regular session at the city of St. Paul, State of Minnesota, on the 26th day of July, A. D. 1909, for the transaction of such business as may regularly come before said body. The National Grand Camp will convene Monday, July 26th, and remain in session two days; National Grand Temple will convene on Wednesday, July 28th, to the 31st inclusive.

All communications of local inquiry should be addressed to Rev. J. R. White, Chairman of Committee on Arrangements, No. 10 Stess Block, St. Paul, Minn.

Circulars announcing the rates will be issued later on.

Done in the city of Chicago, this the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1909.

WALTER M. FARMER, National Grand Master,
708-171 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.
B. K. BRUCE, Acting National Grand Secretary,
Leavenworth, Kan.

THE STAGE

Jerry Barnes will star in Dunmore's show this season. He and Dunmore have joined hands for life.

Eugene Clark is stage manager for Fred G. Barrasso at his new amusement theatre at Memphis, Tenn.

H. R. Brooks, manager of the Whangdoodle Trio, at Seattle, Wash., sends regards to P. G. Lowery and all friends.

Ethel Reed is meeting with much success with the West Baden Stock and Vaudeville Company at French Lick, Ind. Regards to Indianapolis friends.

Clever Jerry Mills of the Smart Set company, owing to his ability to fill in on any part or character, is now known as the "Monkey Wrench Comedian."

Chink Floyd is back at the Exchange Garden Theatre, Jacksonville, Fla., and Buddie Glenn and Richmond V. Cross, better known as "Poor Boy," are still doing their turn.

Baker White of the team of Dixon & White has recovered from his throat trouble and the team is leaving them screaming at the Hippedrome this week. They are billed as headliners.

J. Ed Green, the bronze Chesterfield, after completing a new book for Sherman H. Dudley, retires from the Smart Set company Jan. 23 at Louisville, Ky., and can be addressed at the Pekin Theatre, Chicago. Ah, you Chester!

The Coontown Four Hundred is doing good business. The "ghost walks" regularly and the boys are enjoying life hunting ducks and wild geese and quail. The band and orchestra has been strengthened since the arrival o fW. B. Miller, the tuba and bass violin man.

S. T. Dunmore's Mighty Modern Minstrel Jubilee company will open the season of 1909 with the Ringling Brothers circus at Madison Square Garden, New York. S. T. Dunmore is the only colored manager that has ever been booked with the Ringling Brothers circus himself and company as performers, and he can say all of his seasons have been successful. He is at present managing the Washington Theatre at State street and writing acts for the Washington Stock Company. Since he introduced the stock companies along the line, most all the theatres and some of the knockers are following suit. Regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

AMUSE U. THEATER, MEMPHIS, TENN.

This house will open its doors this week. Eugene Clark has charge of the stage and he has secured for the opening the following well-known performers: The Jennings, singers and dancers and sketch artists; J. Ford, comedian and dancer; the Misses Hicks, Alice Ramsey, Larrie Smith and Agnes Taylor.

Mr. Clark intends to make this one of the best colored houses in the South, and F. A. Barrasso, the owner, is spending lots of money to make this house a success.

Mr. Clark sends regards to all friends.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS.

We played Henderson, Ky., a few days ago and "there was nothing to it" but a big country dinner. Joe Marshall, formerly Frank Mahara's faithful chef, invited the company to his mother's residence, 1000 Main street, where a lovely spread was awaiting the popular minstrel boys. A number of ladies greeted the bunch on arrival, and after the turkeys and chickens were devoured a lively waltz and two-step topped off the afternoon's enjoyment and oh my! they danced that Brussels carpet to a frazzle. Luckily Arthur Prince found his way back to the theatre just before the curtain went up.

Manzie Campbell, our sensational snare drummer, won $400 on the Burns-Johnson fight.

Billy Kersands is going big with "Some Day I'm Going to Open Wine." Mrs. Louise Kersands sings from the gallery.

James Crosby is working harder than ever with his "Blame the Music, Don't Blame Me."

We all read THE FREEMAN every week.

THE PROESSION IN MILWAUKEE.

P. J. Cooper writes:

The Bruces, eccentric singers and dancers, was the feature act at the Crystal last week.

The Cream City Band and Orchestra will give a grand charity ball and concert for the benefit of the colored Catholic mission Jan. 21 at Liedetaffal Hall.

The Cream City Orchestra will furnish concert music at St. Thomas Church on the evening of Jan. 19.

The Five Musical Spillers are a feature act at the Majestic this week. One of their selections is "Morning, Noon and Night."

Master Louis Vader, the melophonist and boy parody singer, has returned from his home in Minneapolis, Minn., to his old position with the Cream City Band.

THE FREEMAN is on sale at Walter Edward's cigar store, 192 Fourth street.

S. TUTT WHITNEY MAKES STATEMENT.

After reading Sylvester Russell's good-natured remarks concerning my name, I make the following statement for Mr. Russell's and the public's benefit:

My real name is Salem Tutt. "Whitney" was given or rather forced upon me by L. E. Puggsley of Puggley Brothers' Tennessee Warblers, about fourteen years ago. Mr. Puggsley claimed he was unable to think of "Tutt" when announcing me for my numbers on his program. I liked my job, for which I was receiving $4 almost every week, and rather than lose the job I kept the name. I like it myself now and shall be known to the theatrical world in the future as in the past as S. Tutt Whitney. Homer Tutt is my full brother, but the team will be called Whitney & Tutt.

S. TUTT WHITNEY.

TWO ORIGINAL ENTERTAINERS.

Fiddler & Shelton, two remarkably good entertainers, will appear at the Grand Theatre next week in an act that is away out of the beaten track and is proving the big hit of every bill upon which they appear. They are undoubtedly two of the cleverest men of our race seen upon the vaudeville stage. Fiddler was formerly understudy to Ernest Hogan and is very amusing in a Chinese impersonation, while Shelton is a finished pianist. Their act includes playing, singing, mimicry and impersonations, all done in an original, out-of-the-ordinary way that makes a strong appeal to everyone. They will be the recipients of much social attention during their engagement, as they are both residents of Indianapolis.

LINCOLN THEATER, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" proved to be the best drawing card the Lincoln Stock Company has yet produced. Monday, Friday and Saturday nights the management was forced to turn people away. The play as revised and staged by S. Tutt Whitley made more than a pleasing show. Many white people took advantage of this opportunity to see "Uncle Tom's Cabin" for the first time. Mr. Whitney proved his versatility by taking the role of "Uncle Tom." Sam Gardner as "Marks," the lawyer, made a decided hit. Mamie Gardner's impersonation of "Topsy" was clever. Others deserving special mention for good work are: W. A. Baynard as "Simon Lagree"; Homer Tutt as "George Harris"; Mabel Brown as "Eliza," and Nettie Taylor as "Miss Ophelia."

FLORIDA ALL-STAR MINSTRELS.

We open our new show to packed houses every night of last week in Deland, Fla., and repeating the same thing this week at Sayson Springs.

Mr. Williams is quite a favorite in Florida and everybody seems glad to meet ihm and his company. He also has a good show put together by himself and everything works like machinery.

Willie Wright, the leading comedian, says "La La, Baby."

Henry Manning sends regards to all friends.

Geo. Dixon says let your conscience be your guide.

Miss Rosetta Brannum is leading lady and leads.

Miss Lottie Wright is singing "I'll Be There."

J. H. Williams closes the show with his big act entitled "Going to Africa Now."

Regards to friends and Allen's bunch. John Goodloe, write.

DARK TOWN SWELLS.

Under the direction of Robert C. White, the company was highly entertained in Madison, Fla., at the home of Mrs. Sheppard, assisted by her lady friends. The luncheon was a surprise. The Darktown Swells were greeted at the door by little Miss Irene, daintily gowned in white lace over pink. There was no formal receiving line, but Mrs. Sheppard, in a charming princess gown of pink silk, greeted her guests with graceful cordiality, which at once made us feel at home.

The hall was decorated in red and green. Here quantities of holly was used, but the finishing touch was a large begoma in full bloom. The dining room was lavishly decorated with holly and on the sideboard was a bunch of red carnations. The menu was of most everything a luncheon could consist of. We were highly entertained and we appreciate it. We wish her and the other ladies luck and prosperity.

Robert C. White and his comedian, Wm. Fountroy, left Madison for Jacksonville, where he met three of his home girls: Miss Vergie Deor, Miss Beulah Henderson and Miss Gertrude Williams, who made it pleasant for his two days' stay. The girls are making good in Jacksonville and seemed to have a host of warm friends. They were surprised in meeting one of their home boys and made us welcome. We had everything in the line of mixology and they fixed a royal table and entertained Mr. White to the highest. Miss Vergie sang "Mandy Lane" and many other selections. She is quite a singer. Miss Henderson, the little soubrette, sang "Kiss Me," and I enjoyed it; also "Baby Doll." Miss Gertrude cleaned up with "Play Me a Rag." Mr. White wishes the girls success and would like to see them with a large road company where they can meet success. Good luck, girls.

Lewy Knox sends regards to the profession.

PITTSBURG (PA.) SHOW SHOP.

By JASSAMINE.

Everything is going along smoothly along the "Stroll," and business is very good. Judging from the crowds that attend the vaudeville houses nightly, it can be seen that the colored people have been given just what they want, and should have had long ago.

Well, the "Stroll" is growing. Me have a music publishing house on the "Stroll" now and it is conducted by colored men. C. W. Striplin, formerly of New York, is the president and founder and Harry C. Waters, a well-known musician of this city is secretary. It is known as the Western Music Publishing Co. They also control a school of music, where competent teachers look after beginners in every line of music, both vocal and instrumental.

We also have a number of young song writers, whose works have been published by this house, and they all bid fair to become noticeable to the public in their chosen profession. Most prominent among them are Messrs. Bush and Bolden. These young men have put out a number of good compositions that are now being used by many traveling companies. Their most successful compositions are "Responsibility," "My Zulu Sue," and "Sheath Gowns." Words by G. Harry Bolden and music by R. Anthony Bush, musical director at the Fulton Theatre.

THE LYCEUM. The bill this week is fairly good, but nothing above the average. The Lindsay Quartet and the Jones Family Band have been retained for another week and of course made good. A noticeable thing about these two acts is that they can both change their program nightly. The Dillons, a white act, did fairly well, although their work was rather weak in spots. Next came Siona Castellion" in a singing and dancing turn, which was entirely out of place. While the lady has a fair voice, her songs were the poorest that have been heard in this house as yet, and her dancing, what little there was of it, was unfit to be witnessed by an intelligent audience. This house seems to have a name for trying out amateur acts, whic hit would do well to rid itself of, as it is well patronized and its patrons should be treated right as well as respected by all means. Illustrated songs and moving pictures closed the bill.

THE FULTON. This house has an excellent bill this week, headed by Hill & Brown in a neat singing and dancing act, which took the house by storm. Their talk was good and their singing was very good, particularly that of Miss Brown, whose work was the best that has been seen on the "Stroll" as yet. Mr. Hill suffered greatly from hoarseness, but managed to get along all right. It is a good act. Next came the University Four, a quartet of boys, the oldest one being only fourteen, and they did exceedingly well after reaching the footlights, but they seemed to experience great difficulty in getting on and off the stage. However, with experience they will probably make good. Rob Johnson, a monologue artist, was next on the bill and did fairly well. His talk was fair and his songs were now. His imitation of an old Southern preacher was above the average. Then came R. G. Baker in illustrated songs. Mr. Baker has a good voice and knows how to use it, but he doesn't seem to know when to stop using it. It is the opinion of the writer that the people do not care to hear the rendition of vocal numbers when the moving pictures are in operation.

BEHIND THE WHITE LIGHTS.

By CHARLES D. MARSHALL.

Andrew Tribble, that wonderful little comedian of the Cole & Johnson forces, was talking not long since about the joy of "working up in the world." "Say, don't you know," says Andrew as he removed his sheath gown in his dressing room after a strenuous afternoon performance, "it's a fine thing to have a chance to work up in the world, as I feel that I am doing now. It seems that a fellow is the happiest when he is busy trying to reach the top round, even though he is making slow progress. Several of our greatest stars have told me that they enjoyed the time when they sang or exhibited their talents at church concerts and other public places for nothing, a great deal better than now when they are commanding a big salary. Then acting was a pleasure; now it is work, even though they are being paid for it. When an actor begins his career he is always proud and takes it as pay if he sees his name in the papers and his photograph along the side of it. But when he becomes a real big star, then some way he loses the power of enjoyment and often he steals down side streets so's not to be seen, and he doesn't have the same feeling on the stage or anywhere else. Working up is a happy time.

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It was last summer that C. J. M. Ferguson, the well-known newspaper man, along with Henry Gant, who plays a clean straight part with S. H. Dudley in "The Black Politician," visited a colored fair in a little town in the South, and while studying character they encountered the man who worked the shell game. "The pea, the pea, the little green pea; who will find the little green pea?" Slowly Gant brought forth a fist full of the green goods and, with a flurish, put down $20 in bills. The pea flew from shell to shell and keen was the disappointment of the faker when he lifted the shell Gant had pointed to and found the little pea beneath it. "Double or quits?" cried the gambler, and Henry in a jiffy said "You're on." Again the actor was winner and the gambler wore a worried look. "Double or quits?" he cried, and again Mr. Gant said "You're on." And double or quits it was, with the same result. "I'll swear I didn't put it there," whimpered the gambler. "I know you didn't," says Gant. "I always carry my own pea."

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Did you ever see Rosamond Johnson write? Well, if you have, you can imagine what "Jim the Penman" was like. A clever thing about his penmanship is his ability to write so that most anyone can read it without using opera glasses. It is inspiring to see one of our own take up a pen and off-handed like write notes nearly as perfect as a steel plate might make them. We have composers a-plenty, but few indeed who can really write their own compositions.

A Pikesville, Ind., composer of songs recently sent me the chorus of a song he intends to dedicate to Miss Marguerite Ward of the Williams & Walker company. Here it is:

"I wonder if your pen and ink is out to-
night, my dear;
I wonder if you ever have time to think.
Though everything is gone wrong with me
For the panic hit me hard,
Yet if you'll only write, love,
I'll furnish all the stamps."

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One will find that it is no easy matter for anyone to correctly imitate the American Indian. Of course we have what we call the "stage Indian," easily impersonated by thousands, but to get down to the character and bring him upon the stage as he really is, it is seldom done. Arthur Talbott, who is playing the part of "John Lowdog," an Indian character, in the "Red Moon" this season, is great. Mr. Talbott has made a complete study of the Indian in every particular. His makeup is the most pronounced ever seen on any stage in any play, even in "The Squaw Man." He has got him down to a feather, and the pride of yours and mine swells when we note that he is a Negro. His features are strong and his gestures exact and hic voice that of a "Sitting Bull," "Red Cloud," or a "Rain-in-the-Face." While in Indianapolis, the comment ran high in regard to Mr. Talbott's new role, for many declared he was a real Indian. It would not be using poor judgment to say that Mr. Talbott ranks with the best character delineator of the day. He cannot be surpassed in point of makeup, for it seems that he has studied that art to a perfection. As a comedian we know not his powers, but as a dramatic artist, they do not come more clever.

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The engaging of Tim Owsley as leading comedian for the "Black Patti Troubadours" was one of the most surprising turns in theatrical circles. But few know what a "rich turn" this was for this company, as Tim Owsley is one of the best men in the business today. Quiet, modest and unassuming, Owsley has gone his way bringing about some wonderful results in the stage world. He has written some big hits in vaudeville sketches, plays and songs, aside from heading some very important companies as leading comedian, and many of us did not know him, though we wondered who he was. Owsley never brags and does not want praise, but he wants good results and, different from many others, he will have them. If he is to remain with this company, I look for a three-act comedy from his pen that will bring it back to its former standard. For "Black Patti" why not a three-act musical comedy to bring it back with the other fellows?

IN DAHOMEY.

By JULI JONES JR.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The cold weather has not hurt as much as was expected. Five houses along the Stroll are doing good business. Two of the houses are closed and will probably remain closed for the rest of the winter. There is enough trouble ahead for the rest of the houses that are open to keep things lively until the summer season sets in. There has been some bad practice in a business way between the managers and the musicians that the writer has pointed out long ago. Things came to a final finish Sunday evening at the Monogram when its orchestra walked out in its busiest hour, both sides stated their grievances, and from evidence it's a muddle that the writer would not try to straighten out. Anyway, no two wrongs make a right. It's been a case ever since the toy houses have come into existence, of hiring, firing, walking out on a minute's notice from both sides, with every house except the Grand, which has retained its orchestra ever since it opened.

In one house the violinist and trap drummer walked out cold to join an organization down town without giving the manageemnt a minute's notice. It was the opening of a new week's bill. In this house the drummer has been one of the features and it made things go mighty dull. Ninety per cent of the musicians in this town who can make good belong to the union, but have ignored their local organization to such an extent that should they be tried for these tricks they would be thrown out as outlaws. The local union of this city is under full protection of the musicians union of the United States. The officers of the local are men of high integrity and would straighten out matters rapidly with the managers along the Stroll in regard to musicians. Now for protection this matter should be taken up at once, and everybody who can qualify should become a member of the union. The field has been flooded with would-be musicians. There's the trouble.

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Contrary to all expectations, Williams & Walker are breaking all kinds of records at the Great Northern. The personality of these star comedians is stronger than some of the critics thought they were. It is hard to tell what the public thinks.

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Banks & Glass, the colored sketch team, has "busted up," married and teamed up. In the future it will read Glass & Glass. Mr. Glass married and took his wife on a four weeks' honeymoon, incidentally to play some time on the West Side. Mr. Glass says that he changed his mind and made it a "money-moon" instead of a honeymoon. Banks, not to be outdone, went right out and picked up Madge Clinton, a very clever soubrette. They will be known in the future as Banks & Clinton. This grand change looks good all the way around.

The first annual review by Juli Jones will come out in these columns July 4. You will have one week more to order in. The edition will be 50,000 for that week. By the way, the actor who wrote me an unsigned letter, saying that I didn't know a good show from a dog fight must have been personally acquainted with the best critic that was ever in Dahomey. All I have to say in reply is that a circus is no circus without an elephant, peanuts and red lemonade.

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It's a good thing sometimes to have a big name, but it's a bad thing to have in the wrong locality. A young colored actor showed up around here by the name of Ben Tillman. He made application to all the local houses for work, but on presenting his card every manager threw up his hands in despair. To make matters worse, this young talented actor had one bad peeper. Will some kind reader of THE FREEMAN please send in a suitable name that will enable this young coming star to get to the front? Don't let it sound anything like Dixon or that brilliant statesman from Mississippi. If you do, send him some flowers along with it, for Dahomey is not to be trifled with.

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Dave Peyton, the piano player at the Grand, has written a big march two-step, entitled "Strolling Down the Stroll." Dave's ambitious press agent says that Victor Herbert, after hearing the march, said that America's musical name had been saved. That's what his press agent said. Anyway, it will be a hit in Dahomey if no other place. Dave is a red stick of candy now.

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George White of the team of Elmore & Ray has signed a midnight contract to appear some time in the near future in Dahomey. Somebody is laughing up their sleeve, providing this news is true. I don't doubt some people's teaching, but what I know I know; anyway, I hope they don't come during camp meeting, for if they do I'll have to break my resolution.

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The news has leaked out from good authority that Dahomey is to have another 10-cent theatre. It will be a very costly structure and will open some time in March.

Here is something private. Now don't go blabbing it all over town. If I hear it again, I'll know where it comes from. Ed Green and Jerry Mills are coming back to the Pekin and will bring somebody else with them, but I won't tell this part of the secret. Let us all see. Mum's the word.

NEW PLAY TO BE PRESENTED.

Edgar Buckner and J. E. McGarr have just written a new play entitled "The Educators" and are rehearsing the company at Turner Tabernacle, and some of the newspaper critics say that those young boys will be among the colored playwriters of the day, such as J Ed Green and others. They have just found two new stars, Albert Scott and Madam Rose Groves. Miss Groves was formerly with Whittman Sisters.

The costumes that will be used with the company will bar no colored attractions. Robert Groves is writing music for the company. J. E. McGarr is staging the production and is taking the leading part. Ed Buckner is business manager. Few of the members of the company are: Misses Alberta Harris, Mamie Burns, Grace Hawkins, Lillian Jackson, Nellie Nelson, Roberta Burks, Messrs. Bill Jones, Eddie Butler, Lee Crawford, Seab Johnson, Mack Upson, Theo. Hill, Russell Hill, Lark Lee, Jesse Jones and twenty others.

We regret very much that Mr. Crawford, one of our comedians, is on the sick list this week.

MUSIC OF THE CHURCHES.

By SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Listen. The choir sings. It's the opening hymn of the services of a large, and I may say over-stylish, colored church of one of the big cities. The music drags; the big pipe organ plays at full blast; the organist is conceited; the congregation sings aloud, as loud as it can, while the choir sings with artificial strain to cover the sound of the organ and keep above the echoes of the congregation.

Each member of the choir thinks that he or she is individually heard and noticed. The head singer, whose voice was once so sweet in younger days, before it had been strained by singing too loud, now squeals at a painful rate to be heard above everything and everybody else, as she breaks forth her notes one bar ahead to keep in the lead. Her grown-up daughters, whom she has carefully reared and educated, sit back in the congregation, disgusted, wondering when their poor mother, whose voice is now broken and whose health is none the best, will step down and retire in favor of the fresh, new generation which stands ready but forced to keep in the rear circle because of the stubborn delusion of a head singer's theory of life everlasting. And the chorister, he too plays his old-time part. Your nerves are disturbed by his sudden pitching in at the top of his voice to lead the choir, which has wandered from the key and about to break down, and with his baton he raps on the leader's stand loud enough to show that his competence is worthy of command. It's all noise, fortified noise, nothing is rife if at best not noisy, and yet this subject to the fair good people of the churches may seem quite terrible, its substance to them is no doubt impartial and crude, but the bearing it will have upon the choristers, head singers, players, choirs and congregations of this generation will do a great deal of good.

Why, the amount of noise produced by the music of the churches within the past thirty years is appalling! There has been no element of song in which true art has been given a widow's mite of attention, and the day is fast approaching when the music of the colored churches must be built upon artistic harmony and vocal perfection. This message marks a stringent measure toward its restitution; that we have kept up this mood of noisy Sunday service worship is lamentable, and the only way in which we can fathom ourselves out of it is to establish a new ordeal of less noise and relishable moderation.

White people may call "lung power" a splendid thing in a colored singer or choruses, but the greatest thing to be observed in white people is that all their trained choruses sing softly and all their cultivated singers do the same. Straining to sing aloud is the chief reason why so many of our fine uneducated professional singers break down so early. There is no harmony in the way the majority of colored people holler and yell when they sing and at most times one trying to outsing the other. I tell you there's nothing in it.

There are different kinds of old-time objectionable church music. Let us begin from the pulpit and go to the lobby. We have the singing pastor, and of him it may be said that his solos are well enough and so is his leading of sacred songs in common metre; but when it comes to a special solo by a choir singer he has no right to butt in, calling aloud to hurry up the collection. And when the choir is singing it is, even then, rude for a trustee to yell out again for more funds by begging. This form of musical interruption is not only crude but shows a general lack of cultivation in a race, that as a whole is not yet quite educated up to natural instinct. Collections and music should, as a rule, be separated, as one interferes with the other, and the time taken up in both instances combined is lengthy and tiresome. The singing of "Lord Have Mercy Upon Us" in the Methodist ritual should not be sung more than twice and should be very soft. Prayers should be loud and also preaching. There is no harm in shouting. I am of the belief that every person should have liberty to give vent to their own religious feelings, that the heart is made better and the souls of many is bound to feel the effects of a true Christian person, and besides, the religious groans of Christian individuals is the very root of genuine Negro music and the greatest inspiration that a colored composer can get, if he will go to the class and praise meetings to hear it.

Colored ministers in these days are getting so very modern and stylish that they don't want any shouting. Then let them sit quiet themselves as a matter of respect whenever a special soloist is singing. Let due notice be given to these pastors also, that a great soloist, a good quartet and a real genuine choir will draw more people to church and get more money for its support than the greatest sermon that ever was preached. The fundamental basis of having desirable music in the church is to have good music in the Sunday school, and unless the young hearts, minds and voices of the children are trained in this particular, people need not look for anything of the least musical importance to happen in the church. Selfishness has ever been the great pullback in church circles everywhere; that and jealousy have a brooding passion that neither prelates nor archangels of light can hardly control.

But the light must come beaming in and all the intelligent members and well-wishers of every church must try and use all the combined influence they can to break down this enemy of the church, this great soul destroyer of our earthly sanctuary.

Boston, Mass., perhaps has the best regulated and cultivated choirs in the country. Twenty years ago New York had most excellent choirs in the Methodist churches. Prof. Fred Savage conducted the old Bethel Church choir in Sullivan street in days when Bishop Derrick and Lawyer T. McCants Stewart were pastors. Prof. Boston B. Purves of Newark was chorister of old Mother Zion Church at Tenth and Bleeker streets when Madam Setigee was the soloist. These two churches have since passed into oblivion and their congregations have moved uptown into more commodious quarters, but the Episcopals and a few of the other churches have now taken the pennant in musical classification.

Chicago is another big city which has always been liberal in advancing its singers. Not so many years ago Madam Rosa Lee Tyler was head singer and soloist in Bethel Church choir of that city, and I at once remarked, when I first heard her sing, that she was not only a good head singer but possessed a cultivated voice good enough for the stage, and I was not surprised when I heard that Sam Lucas had introduced her to the professional stage and that she had succeeded.

Madam Marion Adams Harris first blossomed out as a singer as Mrs. Adams, a Baptist minister's wife. Se was chorister and soloist of the old historic Meeting Street A. M. E. Church choir of Providence, R. I., for four or five years. Black Patti and other great singers had been soloists in that church prior to the coming of Mrs. Adams from Washington. Since church concerts are becoming so numerous, perhaps it is best that concerts be given in the large churches not more than once a month or every two months, and that they be given on a large subscription scale at not less than 25 cents admission. It would be proper to pay the pianist and chorister a limited price for their services to instruct the young people for a really artistic entertainment, and all the participants should be young people who are willing to volunteer to receive free tuition as quite enough pay for their services.

This subject has been briefly dwelt upon to show how very necessary it is that especial care and pains should at once be put into exertion if we desire to compete with other races in music of the future, and more especially if the church people are desirous of building up a large Sunday school, a prosperous church and a growing congregation.

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Johnson, Roy.
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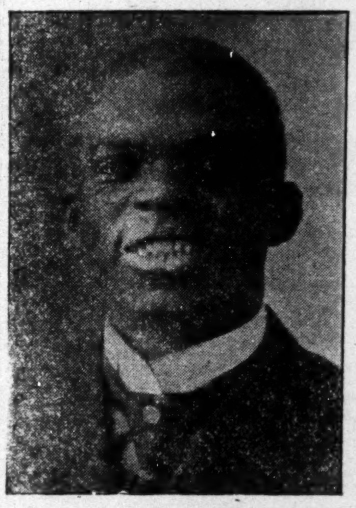

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Governor P. B. S. Pinchback handsomely recognized by the Taft administration.

Mr. William Loeb, Jr., as Secretary of Commerce and Labor in President Taft's Cabinet.

Harmony in the editorial and business departments of the esteemed *Christian Recorder*.

Jack Johnson give Jim Jeffries a good licking for his foolishness in drawing the color line.

The brilliant T. Thomas Fortune return to the editorial page of the New York *Age*.

Ambitious Negroes who want to serve Uncle Sam, apply for places not now held by Negroes.

Some new face "cuts" for the Boston *Guardian* to take the place of its standing "rogues' gallery."

Better schools and longer school terms for the colored children in the rural districts of the South.

Dr. A. M. Brown's vivisection of condemned criminals given a fair try-out by the State of Alabama.

T. J. Calloway detailed to carry an exhibit of Negro progress to the Japanese World's Fair at Tokio.

Dr. Booker T. Washington appointed to head the Negro division of the inaugural pageant March 4.

Colored restaurants manage to serve an order for a simple luncheon in less than three-quarters of an hour.

Colored cooks, washerwomen and helpers of every kind more willing to serve families of their own race.

A few stumpers who did not "check the Negro revolt against Taft" all alone, by their own unaided efforts.

Governor Hughes making a noise like putting some first-class colored men into office in the State of New York.

Editor W. Calvin Chase of the Washington *Bee* handed a snug federal assignment in the District of Columbia.

"Health weeks" held at stated periods throughout the year to instruct our people how to stamp out tuberculosis.

Colored doctors, druggists, grocerymen and lawyers keep their mouths shut about the private business of their patrons.

"The Black Cabinet" hold on—and several branch Cabinets established from the colored incumbents of newly found places.

A Negro bank and a Negro theatre in Washington—a community with a Negro population of 100,000 to draw patronage from.

The forces of the so-called "higher" education and the advocates of industrial training find a common ground for united action.

Genial Tom Taggart elected to represent Indiana Democracy in the United States Senate—since a Democrat must be chosen.

Editor B. J. Davis of the Atlanta *Independent* and Collector Henry A. Rucker "get together" under a friendly working agreement.

A keener sense of business and moral responsibility among our colored men who are entrusted with the handling of public money.

People buy a few copies of a paper that thinks enough of them to write them up big when they get married or give a "swell" party.

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Less idle complaint, less windy oratory, fewer extravagant claims about our "influence," and more steady, conservative work on the part of the average Negro.

The United States Government utilize the experience of A. M. Curtis of San Francisco fame in the work of the Red Cross for the earthquake sufferers in Italy.

Aspiring Kentuckians get together and agree on their truly "national quantity," and stop scrambling for the thing they are not going to get—under present conditions.

One big "Citizens' Ball" at Washington for the visiting colored people during the inaugural period, in which "everybody who is anybody" can be seen and sized up at one time.

Our business men give Organizer Chas. H. Moore the "glad hand" when he comes into town to stir things up—and be sure to drop him the right tip on "who's who" and "what's what."

A virile enforcement of the civil rights law in the District of Columbia and of the State law where a statute exists designed to make color discrimination in public places a crime.

Dr. C. V. Roman, Nashville's great specialist, appointed now to respond to the address of welcome to the mayor of Boston on behalf of the National Medical Association next August.

President-elect Taft see Williams & Walker, Cole & Johnson, the Smart Set and Black Patti Troubadours before passing final judgment upon the value of the theatre as a nerve tonic.

Sensible people abandon the "Mrs. Bishop" and "Mrs. Doctor" foolishness, and speak of such husbands and wives as "Bishop and Mrs.," "Dr. and Mrs.," etc. (*Star of Zion* please copy.)

Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, John Hays Hammond and William A. Clark and a few other captains of finance make up that $100,000 so pressingly needed by Wilberforce University.

The colored business men hold up the faithful hands of Cary B. Lewis in his efforts to let the world know that the next meeting of the National Negro Business League is to be held in Louisville.

Good Southern men like J. C. Napier, M. M. Lewey, Charles Banks, Charles N. Love, Scipio A. Jones, J. W. Lyons, E. W. Brown and W. H. Steward brought into the official fold by the incoming administration.

A rigid investigation to determine whether a color mark is placed upon Civil Service examination papers to enable appointing officers to distinguish between whites and blacks drawn for federal employment.

People who are appreciative enough to buy a few papers when something good is said about them and cease borrowing of their neighbor or asking the editor to give them a copy so they can see the article in question.

The churches of the A. M. E. connection look to Architect John A. Lankford for plans that will bring their edifices into harmony with modern demands in ventilation, acoustics, appointments, capacity, and general sanitation.

Our young men, "fresh from their books," taking the Civil Service examinations everywhere for Government employment—not as a finality, but for the excellent start the steady and lucrative salary gives toward a useful career.

Emmett J. Scott accorded his full measure of credit for inducing the War Department—by urgent insistence of the President of the United States—to declare for Negro bandmasters for all the Negro regiments in the United States Army.

The sensible white leaders of the South fall in line with President Taft and become real citizens of the United States, obeying the letter and spirit of the federal constitution and taking a part in the administration of the functions of honest government.

Preacher S. L. Corothers enliven the inaugural festivities at Washington by giving a complimentary dinner to Lawyer Albert S. White, in commemoration of the latter's good services in inducting him into Judge Taft's campaign Ananias Club as a charter member.

Race Gleanings

TEDDY OUT WITH PA.

Teddy Junior's out with Pa,
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He'll not scold Pa to his Ma-ma;
He's gone to work—so there you are!
Thompsonville now has a Czar,
They feed him jellies by the jar,
Connecticut now claims a star,
He has no marks or Big Stick scar.
The Harvard team sends "tra la la"
He'll be a soldier, not a tarr,
Nor follow after his Pa-pa;
He'll hire no private Railroad car;
He'll smoke no twenty cent cigar;
Law and politics he'll bar.
The White House door now stands ajar
Anr Sagamore Hill—oh well—oh pshaw!
Without a cent of money,
His outlook's none too sunny.
Sure as his name is Teddy,
I think he's hardly ready.
—Sylvester Russell.

William D. Neighbors & Co., Chicago, is one of the biggest and most successful real estate firms in the West. In connection with the realty business, they also conduct a building and loan association capitalized at $100,000.

There are twelve building and loan associations owned and managed by the Negroes of North Carolina. They are located in Greensboro, High Point, Durham, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Littleton, Wilmington, Asheville, Newbern and Goldsboro.

The fifth semi-annual statement of the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Company of Memphis, Tenn., shows a healthy condition of its resources since its establishment two years ago. According to the last statement, the total deposits have been $80,941.42. R. R. Church is president and Harry H. Pace cashier.

prietor of one of the largest establishments for the manufacture of shoe polish in this country. Some years ago when he followed the calling of polishing shoes he had an idea that he could prepare an article for the purpose superior to what was then on the market. He undertook it and succeeded. Now he has a big factory in New York City and has also established agencies in many parts of the country.

A. C. Howard of New York is the pro-
Our people in Staunton, Va., are making good financially, professionally and otherwise. They are successfully conducting different kinds of mercantile enterprises. They have in their own right property worth about $1,000,000. They own one bank called the People's Dime Savings Bank and Trust Association. Samuel Lindsay is the president and Thomas E. Jackson cashier.

Attorney George H. Mitchell and E. A. Adkins, real estate dealers of Greensboro, N. C., did a very prosperous business during the past year, handling thousands of dollars worth of property. The outlook for the present year is even more bright. They say that they believe the colored people of Greensboro probably own more homes than others of the race in any other town or city in the State. Not a few of the homes are also quite beutiful and costly.

G. M. Howell of Atlanta, Ga., is one of the most proficient tailors in the city. He is a most excellent cutter and fitter. He is fortunate in numbering among his patrons many business and professional men of prominence in the white race. He carries a stock of goods valued at $7,500. His place of business is under the Kimball House. Next door to his tailoring establishment he also owns and runs the "Howell Sanitary Barber Shop," the "swellest colored shop in America," furnished with six hydraulic chairs and the latest appointments of a tonsorial parlor. The outfit cost $3,100.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Geo. Harrison of Paris, Ill., is in the city visiting his sisters, Mrs. John Parker and Mrs. Henry Watterman...Mrs. Henry Harris and Mrs. Morgan have returned from Marion. While there they were the guests of Mrs. Morgan's mother and Mrs. Patterson...Mrs. Claudine Childs of Oshkosh, Wis., is in the city for a couple of weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watterman...Mrs. Geo. Malone and son are home after a three weeks visit in Bedford, Ind., visiting Mr. Malone's grand parents and his cousins in Indianapolis. Mr. Malone went to Indianapolis and met Mrs. Malone and son...Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jackson of Crawfordsville, Ind., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor in Melbourne avenue...Dr. Ford returned from Columbus, O., and spent part of the holidays with his wife...Miss Maud Dabbs of Crawfordsville was the guest of Miss Flo Turner and Mrs. Amanda Stewart last week...Miss Flossie Hill, who is spending a couple of weeks with her parents in London, O., is expected home Thursday. Before she left, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mabel Hill, gave a very pretty party in her honor to about twenty guests...Leo Winslow spent the week visiting in Marion and Indianapolis. ...Frank B. Taylor, who graduated here last June from the high school, has joined the Navy for four years...A very pretty party was given New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor in Melbourne avenue by Miss Ellen Stuart, Miss Janet Jones and Mrs. John Taylor, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. Jackson and Miss Dabbs of Crawfordsville. Various kinds of amusements were enjoyed by all until the bells and whistles began to sound the approaching of the New Year. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson rendered some very lovely music during the evening, both being accomplished musicians...The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson occurred Tuesday noon, Dec. 29, at their newly furnished home in Crawfordsville. Mrs. Jackson having a number of friends in this city decided to spent a short time with them. She was formerly Miss Eva Johnson...Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Powell spent New Year's in Chicago visiting Mr. Powell's sister, who stopped there for a couple of days on her way to Carbondale, Ill., where she has accepted a school. Miss Powell is a graduate of the Pittsburg, Pa., high school...Dorothy Johnson has returned from a visit in Detroit, Mich...Miss Flo Turner and Miss Amanda Stewart entertained at dinner New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of Crawfordsville and Miss Dabbs...There were twelve from Logansport who attended the dance at Kokomo New Year's night, and all report a fine time...Mrs. Mat Knox and Mrs. Curtis Green spent the past week in Logansport the guest of Mrs. Clem Hill. Mr. Knox and Mr. Green came over and spent Sunday, all returning home Sunday evening...Mrs. Minnie Lownes of Madison, Ind., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dickson last week...The Bachelors' Club gave a very pretty dance in the G. A. R. Hall Dec. 31. Quite a large number of visitors from Kokomo, Marion, Crawfordsville and Peru attended...Everyone having news for The Freeman please send it to the agent or telephone 1984 by Monday noon of each week...Watch meeting was held at the A. M. E. Church, a church conference being first on the program at 8:30, and plans were perfected for the spring rally. The conference was followed by short talks on "The Temporal Affairs of the Church," by G. C. King. "Stewards' Relation to the Spiritual Growth of the Church," by Elwood Winslow; "Stewardesses, Their Relation to Church Work," by Mrs. Sarah Winslow; "Hope of the Race," by S. L. Harris; "God's Care for His People," by Henry Harris and C. S. Jones. A song and praise service concluded the program...The Woman's Mite Missionary Society kept open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Lewis on Linden avenue. The house was beautifully decorated with pink and white carnations and Christmas bells. A large number called between the hours of 2 and 10 p. m. An elegant lunch was served for the benefit of the society.

QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Culture Club rendered a splendid program last Sunday. The emancipation was read by Earl Roberts; cornet solo, Mr. Lee; round table, Negro phases, Mrs. R. L. Thornton; "The Progress of the Negro," Mrs. F. E. Cook; "Our Leader Dr. B. T. Washington," Mrs. E. J. Russell; "The Negro Enterprise," Mrs. Nannie Hall; "On the Negro Question," oration, S. E. Foster; remarks by Rev. T. L. Smith and President J. W. Tutt and others...Mrs. A. G. Dabner is visiting Mrs. Birdie Smith, 906 Calhoun avenue, and other friends in Springfield, Ill...Mrs. M. Williams, the evangelist of Indianapolis, Ind., started a revival at the Bethel A. M. E. Church last week...Miss Ethel Clark of Kansas City, Mo., is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. LaFoe. ...Mrs. Lasher of Bloomington, Ill., has been spending the holidays with her brother, L. Young...Chas. Johnson of Burlington, Iowa, was in the city...Miss Grace Downsen of Springleld, Ill., is visiting friends here...The U. B. F. had a public installation of officers as follows: Wm. Brown, M. W. M.; Edward Noil, D. M.; L. Young, secretary; H. Carr, treasurer; F. Perry, chaplain...Miss R. Johnson and Miss Mary Prewitt have returned to school in Olatha, Kan., after spending the holidays with their parents. ...Miss Fannie Harting of Lagrange, Mo., and the two daughters of Geo. Smith are in the city for a short visit...Prof. J. W. Tutt is prepared to open up a night school of political and moral science... The Eighth and Elm Street Baptist church will start a revival next week...Rev. T. L. Smithy remarked at the meeting of the Culture Club last Sunday that we cannot live on promises. Well do we remember the promises of the last city election, which we will not forget on the 23d of February, 1909...Read The Freeman, S. H. Shumaker, agent, 2005 Spruce street.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

In spite of the fact that Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, president of St. Luke's Bank of Richmond, Va., was unable to get here on the evening of December 28, the program rendered was one of the best heard in St. Paul for some time. Miss Bessie Johnson of Lawrence, Kan., is a musician of rare ability. Her rendition of the Hungarian Rhapsodie, No. 2, by Liszt, exhibited a wonderful clarity of interpretation and mastery of the piano. Other excellent numbers were the solos by Mrs. Arthur Campbell, Mrs. R. C. Minor, J. H. Hickman, Jr., and several selections by an Italian harpist...Word has been received that Miss Evelyn Haynes of Chicago was married to Joseph Brooks of the same city. Mrs. Brooks is a sister of A. W. Haynes, one of St. Paul's popular young men...Emancipation exercises were held at St. James A. M. E. Church on New Year's evening. The chief speakers of the evening were Rev. Henderson and Harvey Burke, both of Minneapolis...The George Nichols Tea Co., owing to an increase of business, has moved into the Union Block...Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Maggie Shelby, formerly of this city...Miss Mae Ricks, who formerly made her home in St. Paul, has accepted the position as instructor of music at Wiley University, Marshall, Texas. Thomas R. Morgan has been on the sick list, but is now much improved...The One More Effort Club, an auxiliary of the St. James Church, met with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mills on Central avenue last Tuesday night. This club is one of the best clubs in the city from a social standpoint. ...Hon. F. L. McGhee delivered a lay sermon at St. Jaems A. M. E. Church last Sunday evening to a crowded house. This is a new role for Mr. McGhee, but his sermon was considered to be one of the best heard in the church for some time...Willie Hunton spent the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Liggins, and has returned to Milwaukee, Wis. ...Austin Warren of Windsor, Ont., has returned to his home after a very pleasant visit with his sister, Mrs. Curtice Kelly...Lincoln Yeiser is the only Negro policeman in St. Paul. Quite a number have been appointed, but have resigned for different reasons...Frezzan Temple, No. 26, A. E. A. O., Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, gave their first annual ball during the week of the holidays. The red fez and evening clothes were much in evidence.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. David Keesee gave a reception for their son and daughter, Ray and Fayette Keesee, Sunday, January 3, 1909. Those who were present were: Misses Pauline Cabell, Zella Simpson, Myrtle Smith, Ellen Ashworth, Daisy Manuel, Laura and Floy Russell, Nellie Allen and Lois Hawkins, Messrs. Benj. Simpson, Bruney Porter, Oscar Simpson, Prentice Robinson and Chester Ashworth, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Cabell. The out-of-town guest was Miss Lottie Cox, of Brazil, Ind.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Baptist church expects to have the Rev. Tilman for pastor and it will give great satisfaction to the members and the congregation, as the church has been without a pastor for some time...The Methodist Church observed Woman's day last Sunday and a very interesting program was rendered. One paper was of especial merit and was read by Mrs. Brown, a member of the church...Miss Ella Bragg has returned to the city and it is a source of pleasure indeed to her friends to have her once more in their midst...The Elite Club of this city watched the old year out New Year's eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wade after a very jolly time, and just as the whistles announced the arrival of the New Year, the party, consisting of some forty persons, were seated in the dining room and served with a "Dutch lunch"...Mrs. J. F. Foster has just received word of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth McCord, a former resident of Rockford, Ill. Mrs. McCord was with her son, Dr. Harry McCord, at his residence in Baltimore. The death, though not entirely unexpected, comes as a great blow to Mrs. Foster... Leave orders for The Freeman with Herbert Day, 328 South Scott street...The Inner Circle, a pleasure club of this city, had a most unique Dutch party, all present representing pretty, quaint Dutch life in costume. Everything done was typical of some phase of Holland as well as conversation being held in the same language. After games and dancing Mr. Findley and Mrs. Bolan B. Banks gave an exhibition of a very singular Dutch dance. A regular Dutch lunch was the conclusion of a very jolly evening, all present having had the pleasure of an entirely new routine of entertainment... As a fitting finale to one of the most pleasant holiday seasons ever held in this city, the ladies of the O. D. T. Club gave a charity ball for the needy of this city. They are doing excellent work and although the ball was well ateended, still, considering the earnest work necessary for the success of such an affair, and the object being so good, many more could have been present.

GROWS BETTER WITH AGE.

Maple Hill Mounds, Ill., Dec. 21, 1908.

Mr. Knox:

Dear Sir—Herewith please find order which pays for The Freeman for one year from date. This is a new subscriber to your valuable paper. Please send The Freeman to Mrs. Laura Richie, Box 26, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois, R. F. D. No. 1. Please give me credit for this addition. Will send my renewal this or next week. Hoping to hear from you, etc., I am, very truly yours,

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Box No. 49, R. F. D. No. 1.

P. S.—The Freeman gets better all the time.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON WILL SET UP A MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL AT TUSKEGEE.

In one of Booker T. Washington's Sunday evening talks at Tuskegee he unfolded his newly-conceived plan of setting up what he says will be a model country sochol. Very much has been said recently concerning the inefficiency of Southern rural schools. Mr. Washington himself has had something to say regarding them, urging that steps be taken to lengthen the terms, for better facilities and increased pay. We take it that the model school scheme is Mr. Washington's contribution to the idea by way of ingenuity. His great success in whatever he has undertaken is assuring for the success of his model school venture. Out of his rich, ripe experience something will be evolved that is unique and distinguished, yet withal simple and plain as characterize his work.

In speaking of the school of the average country district, Mr. Washington says:

"You will find school going on in a little, stiff house, usually out in some field—a house, too, which in its architectural appearance has no connection with the life of the people whom the school is meant to benefit, something entirely different from everything else within five or six miles. This is the schoolhouse and it is supposed to be a place for teaching boys and girls how to live. When you go inside of the schoolhouse, in most cases, what is done there has less connection with the life of the people than what you see from the appearance of the outside of the schoolhouse."

Mr. Washington's model school will have a place for the teacher to live, a home for his family. It will have a bedroom, a sitting-room, a kitchen and a dining-room. The sitting-room will be used for the boys and girls to come and prepare for life.

"The dining-room is to be used in teaching the girls in that community ho wto serve food; the kitchen in teaching them how to prepare a good country meal, not an artificial meal that has been bought from some city somewhere, but a meal made up of things they have raised right about them in that community."

Outside will be the poultry yard, the pig pens, the cow barns—all for the benefit of the pupils. They will be taught in these different branches and with the view of making a closer connection between school life and real life.

Mr. Washington sees the necessity of inculcating principles that foster industrial notions. Evidently he has noted that there is too much disposition to get away from the domestic phases of life and those further out, and where the common people will find themselves after the years. Perhaps the tendency to get away from ordinary occupation is common. Let it be so. It simply makes it plainer that the sort of training Mr. Washington contemplates is needed. All may not have "fine" notions of life with the expectation of carrying them out, excepting "fine" be attached to anything done. And by the way, it is the idea. The pupil and worker should see some result of their work that they may well denominate as fine. A great ear of corn is fine; joy should result at the result.

THE AMERICAN NEGRO ACADEMY.

The American Negro Academy, an organiaztion of colored men who have achieved distinction as writers and thinkers, has recently concluded its twelfth annual session in Washington, D. C.

Papers were read which freely dealt with race conditions. The writers were unusually frank in expressing themselves concerning the shortcomings of the race. The demand as voiced is for trained men and women to work and lead the masses.

One of the speakers, Rev. Matthew Anderson, of Philadelphia, deplored the domestic situation. He declared that the Negroes were losing out as domestic servants, something they cannot afford. He thought that the white people preferred colored servants. It is largely their own fault when others are chosen to succeed them.

At the "round table" the fact was brought out "that there was a dearth of well-trained men and women and that the Negro imitated other persons in being money and pleasure mad."

Archibald H. Grimke, of Boston, president of the association, said that the Negroes of his home city did not fully avail themselves of the high educational courses and that the few negro students at Harvard University come mostly from a distance.

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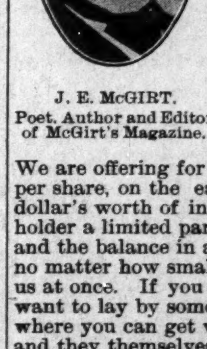

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SCRAPS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD.

By Harry W. Jackson.

Clank! That's the boxing lid in Tennessee.

Iowa Penitentiary has two basketball teams.

Boston Americans will train at Hot Springs, Ark.

Joe Walcott lost four of twelve fights fought last year.

Abe Attell has signed articles to meet four men in two weeks.

Sam Langford won seven of his eleven fights during the past year.

Notre Dame basketball team made a clean record on its tour South.

Jack Johnson fought twenty-six battles during the past twelve months.

Jim Coffroth will offer a $20,000 purse for a go between Ketchell and Johnson.

Kid White of Chicago and Tommy Kilbaine of Cleveland mixed it in Dayton, O., nicely.

Jack Blackburn fought twenty fights during the year 1908, lost none and fought one draw.

Governor Comer of Alabama notified the authorities of Mobile that Sunday baseball must cease.

Boston and Louisville will make a noise if the effort to match Langford and Hart proves successful.

Harry Lewis defeated the "hard nut to crack" Harry Mansfield, and so did Jack Blackburn. Now it's up to Jack.

Denver Ed Smith and Joe Jeannette hurled challenges at Jack Johnson to meet for the world's heavyweight championship.

Joe Choynski says that Jim Corbett was an ideal boxer in his day, but he would have but little show with Jack Johnson today.

Jack (Twin) Sullivan was badly beaten by Bill McKinnon of Boston in a twelve-round bout last week, and McKinnon is a youngster, too.

The Majestic Skating Palace promises some good roller skate races during the winter. There are several cracks around here who will settle their championship disputes now.

The convicts' baseball team of the Kentucky State Penitentiary will have one of the oldest pitchers on record—C. C. Cook, 86, a life sentence murderer, when the diamond dust begins to stir.

It is often thought that John L. Sullivan was at one time champion of the world. Though he was a wonderful fighter and champion of America, he has never held the world's championship title.

Leo Partello, the Italian wrestler, met all comers during the past week at one of the local theatres. He agreed to pin any man in the city in fifteen minutes or forfeit $50. Leo had to pay out two or three fifties.

As long as Tommy Burns remains across the big canal there will be a bunch of game (?) ones who can "trim" Jack Johnson. If Tommy comes home and tells 'em how Jack whallopps, they won't be hard to count.

S. H. Dudley of the Smart Set company gave his opinion of Tommy Burns wanting the hog end of the purse for his fight with Jack Johnson as follows: "Burns knew that he would have to pay out the biggest doctor bill."

Though Jim Corbett has said he will re-enter the ring to bring back the "bacon" to the white race, the sports really doubt what the ex-champion says. Like a phonograph, Corbett talks but doesn't mean what he says.

At a meeting of the American Association magnates recently, it was decided to open the championship season of that organization on Wednesday, April 14. The season will extend over five months and a half instead of five months, as heretofore.

Willus Britt engineered Battling Nelson on to victory over Joe Gans and now he is active in arranging for a bout with Jack Johnson in the interest of his latest protege, Stanley Ketchell, who one time drew the color line. Ketchell is after further honors.

Sam Langford, the great colored fighter who broke two of Jim Flynn's ribs and knocked him out in less than one round of fighting, recently telegraphed that he was willing to fight champion Jack Johnson at the National Sporting Club in London on Derby eve. The only stipulation is that Langford makes is that he would like the fight to be twelve rounds or less. Langford is considered by many to be Johnson's equal.

Young Otto, "the lad with the wallop," is disgusted with the manner in which the topnotch lightweights have turned him down and will follow the example of Jimmy Britt, Willie Lewis and Joe Jeannette, and hike for the other side. Otto will leave January 16, but will keep his two engagements on this side before going. Wednesday night he fights Paddy Sullivan ten rounds before the Sharkey A. C., and on January 13 he will take on Leach Cross before Jim Buckley's club.

That Jack Johnson is much better than Peter Jackson ever was in his palmiest days, is the belief of Joe Choynski, who was Jackson's sparring partner for years. Choynski said that he believed Johnson was in a class by himself at present and that there is no hope that he will ever be defeated unless James J. Jeffries returns to the ring. Choynski says the only living heavyweight fighter who has a chance with Johnson is Sam Langford.

Kendall B. Cressey, an insurance man, who has kept close tab on football for years, says that more injuries have been reported this year than in any season since 1905, when the rules were revised. In that year twenty-four were killed and 200 injured. There were three deaths among college players this year, two among high school and five among athletic club members, while the injured in college games were 153, against twenty-three among high school players and forty-six among athletic club members. All deaths, with one exception were caused in open play.

Philadelphia had six days of it:

Monday—Young Erne of Philadelphia and Leach Cross of New York; Jack O'Brien of Philadelphia will meet three men—Jack Read of Toledo, Peter Maher of Philadelphia, and Fred Cooley of Chicago—two rounds each.

Tuesday—Harry Mansfield of England and Harry Lewis of Philadelphia.

Wednesday—Young Fred Corbett of Philadelphia and Kid Goodman of Boston, fifteen rounds.

Thursday—Charles (Twin) Miller of Boston and Joe Hirst of Philadelphia.

Friday—Young Pierce of Philadelphia and Tommy Devlin of Philadelphia.

Saturday—Owen Moran of England and Young Nitchie of Philadelphia.

It is President Roosevelt's wish that J. A. Rector, champion short-distance sprinter of the American cinder path, who was beaten by J. E. Walker, the South African, at the London Olympic games last summer, meet Walker when the South African tours this country next summer. This information has been imparted young Rector in a letter from the President, and efforts are already being made to cause the senior Rector, who lives in Hot Springs, Ark., to give consent to his son, who had promised to retire from athletics. Young Rector was here yesterday on his way to the University of Virginia, where he is studying law. "I don't know what father will say," said the Arkansas flyer, "but I still believe I can beat Walker and will certainly try my best if it is arranged."

Although Jim Jeffries persuaded him to draw the color line, Stanley Ketchell, now middleweight champion of the world, has about consented to take on Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship. Ketchell is far from being in Johnson's class as far as weight is concerned, but he is gradually getting larger every day. Like a great many of the other white pugilists, Ketchell is inspired to bring the heavyweight championship back to the white race. "I was against fighting colored men, but since there is a public demand to dethrone Johnson, I am ready to comply with the demand of the people who love the fighting game," said Ketchell, along with his statement that he feared no fighter in the world and could give Jack Johnson a good trimming. Stanley's confidence is no more than dozens of other fighters, and more than that of Tommy Burns, who is still sick from that beating Jack gave him.

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A LOCAL LAD WHO CAN BOX.

John Jackson is in training to meet all comers in the lightweight division. Jackson carries a right as strong as a crowbar. He is a pharmacist in one of the local drug stores and is anxious to hear from some of the nearby ringsters.

NOT IN TENNESSEE, SAYS MOSS.

Special to The Freeman.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Acquainted for the first time that so-called "sparring matches" were as much a violation of the Tennessee law as prizefights, Mayor Malone, who had granted a written permit for a bout that was to have taken place last week between Jack Carny and Jack Gardner, withdrew the permission.

Criminal Court Judge Moss threatens imprisonment to any one violating the statute covering glove contests. Mayor Malone never had read the law, but says he thought sparring matches were permitted.

WOULD MEET SOUTHERN BOXERS

Young White Is Desirous of Fighting Green, Hughes and Thomas.

Special to The Freeman.

TAMPA, Fla.—Young White challenges any middleweight in the South weighing from 150 to 158 pounds. White says he would like to meet Joe Green, Kid Hughes and John Thomas, and promises either of them a good time with the gloves. White's address is 1507 Central avenue.

COLORED GIRLS' LEAGUE BEGINS SEASON MAY 1.

Eight Teams Will Compose League—C. L. Mayberry, President Springfield Club, Earnest Promoter.

Special to The Freeman.

SPRINGFIELD, O.—Mrs. Sarah S. Brooker, captain of the Springfield (O.) girls' baseball team, says that the Ohio-Indiana league, to be composed of girls' baseball teams, will begin its season about May 1. The league will be composed of eight teams of some of the larger cities and will be known as the Colored-American League for Girls. C. L. Mayberry, president of the Springfield team, is one of the promoters of the league.

SUMNER HIGH SCHOOL MAKES A CLEAR RECORD.

Special to The Freeman.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The gridiron season closed with a successful schedule for Sumner High School football team. Sumner put up one of the strongest elevens that has represented the school in years, being the victors in every game that it played during the season. The annual game with the Central High School of Louisville, Ky., added a victory to Sumner's warriors by a narrow margin of 6 to 5. Sumner and Central have been athletic rivals for the past five years, but the game of this year proved to be the best game every played between the two schools.

THE CHICAGO UNIONS TO HAVE STRONG BASEBALL TEAM.

Several of the Indianapolis Boys Will Land Berths—Prospects of the Fastest Team in Years.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Chicago Unions of the coming season will be one of the strongest teams in the field. The team will be composed of some of the fastest players in the game, most all of whom will be new to this team. Several of the Indianapolis stars will land berths on the Union team.

The players already booked are as follows: Jas. Shawler, left field; W. N. Pryor, third base; Frank Young, second base; John Lolla, first base; G. Washington, catch; Hutchinson or Twoney, shortstop; G. Brinkenship, right field; John Reeves, center field and manager; Lewis Johnson, William West and Frank Talbert, pitchers, and Samuel Thompson, catch.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TO HAVE STRONG '09 FOOTBALL TEAM.

Kentuckians Lose But Two Games During Past Season—Prof. J. R. Harris Proud of '08 Team.

Special to The Freeman.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The football team of the Central High School was unusually strong this season. Only twice was the sturdy eleven defeated, once by the Lexington boys and once by their old rival, Sumner High School of St. Louis, Mo. The Kentuckians played some exciting games and exhibited fighting spirit all through the season. Confidence and enthusiasm exemplified by the student body sent the Central boys in each game with much pluck and nerve.

Prof. J. R. Harris, who made the team what it is, is proud of the boys' work and expects to have a still stronger team next season. Perry Harrison, who played substitute quarterback on this year's team, will probably land as regular quarter on the '09 team.

WISH TO DETHRONE JACK JOHNSON, THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION.

Tendency to View Battles Between White and Black Fighters From a Racial Standpoint.

Jack Johnson now has the world stirred up over his being the champion heavyweight fighter of the world. Not that Jack Johnson is champion is the cause of the sensation, but that he is a black man holding the title. By Jack being master of the heavyweights means that a Negro is at the lead of his class. There seems to be a sentiment predominating whenever a colored man meets a white man in the ring that it is a question of race superiority. Will the colored man win or the white man? seems to be in the minds of the fight fans, as it is also in the mind of the general public, whenever the two face each other. The fact that it is a question of the best man winning, regardless of color, is lost sight of. Johnson is champion and without equal; he is master of them all, be he black, yellow, blue or green. Color has nothing to do with it. He must be recognized as the champion of the world and not as some people term him, the "colored champino," though he is a Negro.

"I felt badly to see a colored man champion." This is how James J. Corbett, ex-heavyweight champion, took the defeat of Tommy Burns by Jack Johnson. Not that he is so deeply grieved because Tommy lost the heavyweight title, but because a black man won it. Corbett expressed himself before the Burns-Johnson mill that he had little faith in Tommy winning the fight, but still he did not want Johnson to defeat him. If the Canadian had been beaten by a white man, Corbett would not have shown any signs of worry whatever, as he has never thought that Tommy was of the championship make. Corbett has been on the retired list for several years, but his prejudice to Negroes has practically re-enter him into the ring again. He thinks he can whip Johnson. Can he do it? Is Corbett today the Corbett of years ago? Johnson is willing to defend his title against anyone, barring none. And as Corbett intends to "champion the cause of the white man," so is Jack willing to champion the cause of the black man.

LANGFORD IS CONFIDENT THAT HE CAN DEFEAT KETCHELL

Will Forfeit Share of Purse If He Fails to Stop the Middleweight Champion in Ten Rounds.

So confident is Sam Langford that he can defeat Stanley Ketchell that he is willing to forfeit his share of a purse of a fight between them if he fails to stop him in ten rounds. He will fight Ketchell on any terms. Sam is anxious to demonstrate his superiority over the middleweight champion.

Langford has the following to say: "I am ready at any time to box Ketchell and will agree to make 154 pounds ringside, and Ketchell can come in at catch weights, and if I don't knock him out inside of ten rounds I don't want a cent."

THE EAGLES WISH BOOKING.

Crescent City Boys to Have Strong Nine—Would Meet the Fastest.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The Eagles will have a strong team this year. Already there are enough candidates trying to make good to organize three nines. From this bunch Charles Stevens, manager, will be able to pick a first-class fast team. The Eagles will tour the North, East and West and will be ready to meet the best. The Eagles would like to communicate with the Leland Giants and the Chicago Unions; Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Harrisburg teams; Cleveland and Dayton, O., boys; Brooklyn Royal Giants and Cuban Giants of New York; Terre Haute and the fast A. B. C. team of the Hoosier State; Louisville, Ky., cracks and any other classy team.

The Dixieland boys are respectable fellows. Headquarters, 1236 Eagle street, New Orleans, La. They start the '09 season by saying: "All we ask is booking; we do the rest."

JUST FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Mayor Busse of Windy City Lifts Lid for the Seventh Regiment.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Chicago is to have boxing, and such stars as Johnny Thompson, one of the most promising lightweights, and Stanley Ketchel, middleweight champion of the world, will perform. That these men will appear in this city on January 20, not against each other, but against suitable opponents, is certain; but it does not mean that the lid is off here and that prizefights are to be promoted as in the days of old.

Mayor Busse, who gave out the permit for the January show, said that he has lifted the boxing lid for one night, but that it does not mean that the fight lid is off. He says he has no intention of permitting fights in this city and he hopes that his move in permitting the Seventh Regiment to pull off a show will not be taken to mean that he will allow prizefights.

"I am not against boxing, particularly," said the mayor, "but the sport is too frequently abused to be permitted in Chicago. That I have granted a permit to the Illinois National Guard men to have sparring exhibitions does not indicate that I have changed my stand. No prizefighting will be permitted in Chicago."

THE KENTUCKY "PEN" NINE.

Special to The Freeman.

FRANKFORT, Ky.—Kentucky will boast next summer of the strangest baseball nine ever organized. Warden Mudd of the State Penitentiary is to be the manager, the average age of the team will be 73 years, and almost every member will be a murderer, serving a life sentence for his crime. Following is the makeup of the team:

C. C. Cook, 86, Whatley county, murderer, pitcher.

Edward Bruns, 80, Boyle county, forger, shortstop.

William Joseph, 67, Jefferson county, murderer, first base.

Calvin Rains, 77, Clinton county, murderer, second base.

William Freeman, 73, Owsley county, murderer, third base.

Ruben Collingsworth, 66, Perry county, hog thief, center field.

Thomas Depew, 80, Pendleton county, poisoner, right field.

W. T. Bryant, 66, Montgomery county, horse thief, left field.

A man must be at least 65 years old to be eligible to this team and it is planned to have several exhibition games played within the walls of the prison yard next year. Lieutenant-Governor Cox, an enthusiastic fan, is planning to see one of the games this strange team will play.

JAMES J. JEFFRIES WILL NOT RE-ENTER RING, SO HE SAYS

Will Go On Stage as Business Proposition—Says He Is Not the Jeffries of Four Years Ago.

Special to The Freeman.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Jim Jeffries says emphatically that regardless of what the papers are saying with reference to his re-entering the ring to meet Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, he will not fight again. Jeffries is going on the stage—too much money to not handle a little yourself, so he thinks. He has an offer of $3,000 to spar one week at a San Francisco theatre.

"It is a business proposition with me pure and simple. If the people want to see me again, well and good—I'll give them value received for their money. The one question that you good people want me to answer is, I suppose, can I ever get into condition to fight again?

"I believe that I have gone over this phase of the matter pretty thoroughly in my weekly letters, but I am willing to go on record as saying that I do not believe that it is outside the range of possibilities that I could train into pretty fair shape again. I don't believe that I could be as good as I was four years ago; nobody would expect me to be.

"When a man has been a "good fellow" for four years, during which time he has not indulged in athletics of any kind, it is a very serious matter whether or not he could ever be as good as he was when he ended his athletic career. I speak plainly, because I realize that this is no time for me to misrepresent facts. Jim Jeffries is a pretty good man today, but he is not the Jim Jeffries of a few years ago."

JOHNSON WITHOUT AN EQUAL.

Special to The Freeman.

Charles H. Williams writes to The Freeman expressing himself in regard to the Jack Johnson situation, as follows:

"Mr. Sporting Editor:

"Jack Johnson seems destined to hold the heavyweight championship of the world for some time to come. Just think, for two years he has been chasing Burns for a match and in return he got nothing but insulting remarks from the 'fourflushing' champion. Burns called him a 'quitter,' a 'yellow dog,' and other choice names. So after two years of chasing, Johnson finally landed his man in Australia after traveling 12,000 miles to fight him. Al Kaufmann knows there is no chance for him; that's why he draws the color line. All of the good ones will stay their distance from Johnson. I am surprised at Corbett saying no man has the right to be called a champion if the belt or title is given him; he must fight for it. Corbett forgets that he himself attempted to hand over the title when he had it and was so roundly laughed at for the fact that he never did quit trying to square himself with the people. Now, for that reason Corbett is hardly in a position to criticise Jeffries or Burns or gift titles.

"Now Corbett says he will enter the ring, and he has sent a challenge to Johnson. Shame on him! He has our sympathy and pity if Johnson accepts. Now that Johnson is the champion there isn't a fighter in sight capable of giving him anything better than a reasonably stiff argument. Had not Burns been satisfied within himself that he could whip Johnson, he would have never consented to the match. Now, then, Burns claims he is the first champion to give a colored man a chance at the championship. If Burns and his friends will look up the records he will see that Jeffries fought Hank Griffin, a colored fighter, for the championship of the world. Jeffries was at that time our champion. So you see Burns is not the first or only champion to fight a Negro or give him a chance at the title. CHAS. H. WILLIAMS."

CHAMPIONS IN SPORTS, 1908.

Amateur athletics—J. Brodemus.
Archery—W. H. Thompson.
Automobiling—George Robertson.
Billiards (amateur)—Calvin Demarest.
Billiards (professional, 18.1)—George Sutton.
Bowling—A. Wengler.
Boxing (heavyweight)—Jack Johnson.
Boxing (middleweight)—Stanley Ketchell.
Boxing (lightweight)—Battling Nelson.
Boxing (featherweight)—Abe Attell.
Boxing (bantamweight)—J. Coulon.
Chess—Emanuel Lasker.
Fly Casting—R. J. Held.
Golf (open)—Fred McLeod.
Golf (amateur)—J. D. Travers.
Golf (women)—Miss K. C. Harley.
Handball—Oliver Drew.
Jockey—Joe Notter.
Motorcycle—Fred Huyck.
Pool—Thomas Hueston.
Racquets—Jay Gould.
Roller Skating—Ollie Moore.
Roque—Edward Clark.
Rowing (professional)—A. Arnst.
Shooting (trap)—Fred Harlow.
Shooting (rifle)—Sergeant A. Brest.
Shooting (revolver)—Lieut. Sayre.
Skat—Franz Hilberling.
Skating (professional)—Morris Wood.
Skating (amateur)—E. Lamy.
Swimming—C. M. Daniels.
Tennis—W. A. Larned.,
Tennis (women)—Mrs. Barger Wallace.
Tennis (Western)—Nat Emerson.
Wrestling—Frank Gotch.

Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, speaking last week before a body of teachers at Columbia, S. C., expressed himself as opposed to the higher education of the Negro. He held that it meant the doing away with the white man's supremacy. We think it rather a serious confession for the Senator; he paid a tribute to the Negroes, something not customary with him. In his heretofore speeches he has generally spoken of the race as a sort of brutalizing agency and that the harm would come owing to the fact. Has the Senator been concealing his real feelings? And has he at last been driven to his last defense? His Richmond, we think, will fail. Intelligence may be depended on to have more of the power of conservation than ignorance or the state of indifference.

MISINTERPRETING THE PRESIDENT ON BOUND BAYOU.

It is indeed difficult to conceive how the unusually accurate and level-headed dEditor T. P. Mahammitt of the Omaha Enterprise could have so misunderstood the spirit of the speech delivered by President Roosevelt on the occasion of the cornerstone laying of the colored Y. M. C. A. building in Washington on Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Mahammitt seems to have gone "away 'round Robin Hood's barn" to put into the mouth of the President things touching the future of the Negro that he did not and would not say, and to attribute to him views that he does not and could not hold concerning our people.

In the beginning of a long and wholly misleading editorial in a recent issue of the Enterprise, Mr. Mahammitt makes this comment:

"He (President Roosevelt) said among other things that he was proud of the advances made by the race—all of which is very good, and added that he saw in the great example of race development at Mound Bayou, Miss., a ray of hope for the Negroes of this country. He saw in that Negro town, set off by itself, forming a distinct Negro system of autonomy, ruled by a dominant white element through appointive power, a solution for the so-called race problem. In other words, the President of these United States intimated that at some day—some distant day, perhaps—the dream of colonization would be realized. That is to say, he suggested that some day in our country—in America—the Negro race would be set off in a section of our country—in America—under the directorate of the white man; and that while poor ignorant children, they might think they were free, they would be under a system of dictation."

President Roosevelt's language—plain, forcible and dto the point, could not have been so miserably distorted as to mean anything like this, save by a man who had lost his right mind. At no time has the President ever voiced a sentiment that would lead any one to believe that he regarded "colonization" as a solvent for the American race problem. He commended Mound Bayou incidentally, on this occasion, as a striking example of what thrifty, sober, law-abiding, industrious and intelligent Negroes could accomplish by their own might, when they had the moral fiber to make the best of the opportunities within their grasp. The application was that the Washington branch of the Y. M. C. A. could be made a powerful agency in inculcating the same impulse for right living, home owning, self-reliance, faithfulness in the discharge of trusts, andd constructive effort along every useful line. White men had builded cities; he wanted to show that colored men could do the same by pointing out a city that had been built by Negroes upon their own initiative and despite untoward conditions. The President's purpose was to offer encouragement to the Negro to build for himself and yet keep in touch with all that is good in American life—to win respect by being a worthy citizen, a congenial neighbor. His lesson struck the mark with all—save the mentally obtuse and visually strabismic Editor Mahammitt.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

The new M. W. Gibbs Negro High School of Little Rock, Ark., has been the recipient of about 1,000 valuable volumes for the library from Judge M. W. Gibbs, for whom the new school building was named. Judge Gibbs, in appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by the school board in naming the splendid new school building after him, announced that he would give $500 as a nucleus for a library for the new high school. At least 500 of the books selected and purchased with this fund are now here and 500 volumes are now on the way.

When the remaining 500 volumes are received the Gibbs High School will have a splendid foundation on which to build up a library which will without doubt become one of the finest libraries of a Negro school in the Southwest.

THE WHIT AUSTRALIA.

Australia in bidding for immigrants has uttered a tersely worded tocsin—a minimum of restriction, a maximum of welcome, is it? This significant cry needs some interpretation, since it is not generally known what is meant by the minimum of restrition or the maximum of welcome. The "Immigration Restriction Act" of Australia "enables the introduction of colored persons to be prevented, except as visitors." While the act applies generally, it was brought about as a prohibition against the hordes of yellows and blacks that menace Australia on every side. The Japanese feel the most aggrived, since they are the furthest advanced in civilization, consequently the most sensitive people. Africa is in close proximity. The farsighted Australians are closing up hope to them. The Africans nor the Chinese have protested, and simply because of their passivitz Japan has registered a vigorous protest, insisting that the law will soon fall into nnocouous desuetude. The Negroes of the United States will fall into the category of the proscribed, but they will not suffer, since there is no tendency to drift to Australia.

If persons desirous of entering the commonwealth are of white race, of good health, and are not under contract to perform manual labor, no restrictions or conditions whatever are applied to them.

Here is the maximum of welcome as applied to the white race and also the minimum of restriction. Under that count, that interpretation, the battle cry eliminates "colored" persons all together, the minimum of restriction having in mind "good health and are not under contract to perform manual labor." A white Australia has long been considered by the white people.

The quarrel is not ours; we of this country have troubles of ourown, especially we Negroes. We, however, may take courage of the thought that the "colored" people of America are not so bad off as a race when compared with what is issued out to "colored" people anywhere—everywhere. It might be said in passing that if the territories now occupied and controlled by Negroes will also remain inviolate—free to develop under whatsoever influence—it will tend to the peace of the world. Dispossessed peoples wandering over the face of the earth, evicted by brute force, will smoulder—but not always. The tendency of the dark races is to stay within their own; the tendency of the white race is to root them out and placard the place against them. It may be answering the law of progress. But we are taught that nothing was made in vain. Perhaps it is the law—that the darker races are to be the nomads, fitting only as parasites on society—no real part of it. The tendency will not be disputed by intelligence. However, the darker races are looking up. Native preachers in Africa are preaching sociology, insisting on equality of rights and other uplifting agencies. White Australia will not sound so bad if Black Africa is permitted. Develop if it will to the utmost, but to the end that it be black. Here's your consistency.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Leon Vance has joined his wife, Mrs. Mamie Stewart Vance, in this city.

Jas. Shelton has sufficiently improved to be able to be removed to his home.

Bishop C. T. Shaffer will preach at Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday, Jan. 24.

The Sixth Ward Workers Club will meet Wednesday evening at 526 1-2 Indiana avenue.

Mrs. Lizzie Coleman, after a pleasant visit, has returned to her home at Louisville, Ky.

Miss Tillie Larter of Bedford is visting her sister, Mrs. Mary Locklear, and Mrs. Jos. H. Ward.

Eva May, a young daughter of H. C. Millikan, is suffering with an attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. A. H. Henderson has been confined to her room because of illness during the week.

Thomas H. Kates, the merchant tailor of Chicago, is in the city in the interest of his business.

Henry Cobb of Indianapolis has spent the holidays in Clarksville, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky.

Messrs. Clarence Starks and Oscar Covington of Terre Haute were in the city the first of the week.

Presiding Elder D. E. Skelton was called to Chicago on important business during the week.

The Wistaria Club will meet with Mrs. Susie Kennedy in North Missouri street, next Wednesday.

Capt. Burrell Echols, the well-known hotel man of French Lick, Ind., is in the city for several days.

The Woman's Improvement Club will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Ida Bryant, in Wyoming street.

Miss Eurus Carr, who is teaching in Vincennes, is expected to visit Mrs. Tena Johnson in this city soon.

Mrs. Lena Brown entertained the Lochinvar Club Wednesday evening at her home in North California street.

Lafayette Coffe, a well-known resident of the South Side, was buried from the Second Christian Church Tuesday.

Miss Brenta Webber and Mrs. Robert Morris have returned from New York, where they have been since September.

Mrs. J. T. V. Hill fell on the slippery pavement last Saturday and has been unable to teach school during the week.

John D. Kersey and wife of Frankfort, Ind., were in the city Wednesday to attend the funeral of the former's mother.

Jesse Quinn of Hodginsville, Ky., was in the city Monday on business. He was the guest of his brother, Andrew Quinn.

Revival meetings are in progress at all the churches, and despite the bad weather there has been a good attendance.

Smith Kersey and son and Alex Levine, a nephew, of Dunkirk, Ind., attended the funeral of Mrs. Dorothy Kersey Wednesday.

Mrs. Retta A. Moss will be hostess to the Woman's Club Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Belle Davis in Bird street.

Dr. S. A. Furniss attended a meeting of the executive board of the National Negro Business League at Tuskegee during the past week.

Mrs. M. Booth entertained Wednesday from 3 to 5 p. m. in honor of Mrs. McDonald of Columbus, who is visiting Mrs. Anna Estes.

The Deutsch Tailoring Co. has removed to 113 South Illinois street, where they will be pleased to see old customers, friends and patrons.

Mrs. Carrie Moore, who has been visiting Mrs. Booth in West Vermont street, returned to her home at Chattanooga, Tenn., Friday.

Mrs. Susie Stanford returns to her home at Chattanooga, Tenn., today after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Goforth in Muskingum street.

The Rev. Joshua Stansfield will address the Junior League of the Christian Endeavor at Simpson Chapel at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 24.

Shadrach Cheek of Philadelphia, Pa., a well-known hotel man, who has been traveling through the Northwest, will locate in Indianapolis.

Roy Locklear, who is suffering from an injury at the Ward Sanitarium, is improving rapidly. It was necessary to amputate half of his foot.

Dr. Stansfield, pastor of the Meridian Street M. E. Church, will address the Junior League of Simpson Chapel Sunday, January 24, at 2:30 p. m.

Madams La Belle, Malone and Hager Temple will give a musical concert at Zion Baptist Church, corner Senate avenue and Twelfth street, February 4.

Wm. E. Viney of the Railway Mail Service has returned to the city after a pleasant visit of a week with friends and relatives at his home in Lancaster, Ohio.

Thurman Union, the colored branch of the W. C. T. U., joined the other temperance bodies of the State in visiting the Legislature yesterday in behalf of Statewide prohibition.

Mrs. Belle Davis, the well-known cateress, left last Saturday for Mobile, Ala., where she goes for the benefit of her health. She was accompanied by Miss Dessie Singleton, a trained nurse, and Mrs. Ermsidell Stone. Ermsidell Stone accompanied the party as far as Louisville.

The meeting announced to be held at the McCoy School Thursday evening of the teachers and preachers of the city was not held, because of the absence from the city of one of the promoters.

Other Graves, brother of Walter Graves, foreman at the Denison Barber Shop, was suffocated in the mines recently at Zeigler, Ill. The funeral and burial took place at his home at Croston, Ky.

Robert Troy was in the city for a few hours last week on business. He is interested in the Fowler Grain Co., Fowler, Ind. His position is executive in character and reflects credit upon the race.

A number of friends attended the baptismal ceremonies of Archie Greathouse Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Greathouse. Rev. J. S. Bailey officiated at the home in Capitol avenue Wednesday at 4 o'clock p. m.

Walter Graves, the genial foreman of the Denison Hotel Barber Shop, assisted by his wife, entertained at dinner Sunday. Those present were Mrs. Kittie Minter, Mr. A. J. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Knox, and Elwood C. Knox.

Jas. F. Williams died at his home, 1269 East Eleventh street, Monday, aged 71 years. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Ellen Williams. His funeral was held at Allen Chapel Wednesday under the auspices of Sumner Lodge U. B. F.

Mrs. Deleta Scott-McCann, formerly stenographer for The Freeman, has opened a shorthand writing school at 359½ Indiana avenue. She is also prepared to do letter writing, arranging legal papers, copying sermons and addressing circulars. Telephone, New 4117.

The Methodist Ministers' Association held an interesting session Wednesday morning. In the absence of the Rev. G. H. Shaffer, the subject assigned to him, "The Emanuel Movement and Its Value," was discussed. Revs. D. F. White and H. L. Herod led in the discussion.

Mrs. J. M. Johnson and Mrs. Martha Galloway entertained last Friday at their home, 705 North Senate avenue, in honor of their sisters, Mrs. Wm. H. Jackson and Miss J. Virgil Jackson of New York. The hours were from 2 to 6 and from 8 to 11. They will leave for their home in New York next Tuesday.

The Rev. J. H. Callis, pastor of Jones Tabernacle, announces a special subject for his sermon next Sunday night. Subject: "The Responsibility of the Parent and the School Teacher in the Salvation of the Child." The Rev. J. R. Manley, presiding elder of this district, is assisting in the revival services being held at this church.

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BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

A number of friends "surprised" Mrs. Hattie Kelley, principal of School No. 19, at her home in Camp street Monday evening. The occasion was her birthday. The affair was a complete surprise to Mrs. Kelley and was much enjoyed. The presents were one dozen handsomely decorated Haviland china plates from the friends, presented by Miss Nora Roberts; a gold-headed silk umbrella from her husband, presented by the Rev. H. L. Herod, a fine handkerchief from Mrs. Parks. Games were a feature of the evening's amusement. Light refreshments were served.

MRS. DOROTHY KERSEY.

Mrs. Dorothy Kersey, mother of Willis A. Kersey, president of the colored Y. M. C. A., and a well-known business man, died suddenly at the home of Mr. Kersey, 813 North California street. Mrs. Kersey was 80 years of age and had lived in this city with her son for the past seven years, since the death of her husband. She came to this State from North Carolina by wagon over fifty years ago.

Mrs. Kersey had lived for the greater part of the time in Jennings county. She was the mother of eighteen children, ten of whom lived to be grown. She is survived by one daughter and four sons. Her funeral was held at the home of Mr. Kersey at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, Rev. Morris Lewis officiating. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

SAYS BOOKWALTER USES INFLUENCE

Kennedy Says Mayor Put Him Out of Business.

Tuesday morning, during the hours that the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Indiana was in session, Col. Manuel Kennedy was undergoing a life of despair.

Some time ago Mr. Kennedy obtained permission, through a Mr. Cox, to place a cigar stand in the corridors of the State House, and also the rights of selling fruits and newspapers, as well as shining shoes. The opening session of the Legislature found Kennedy all ready for business, having secured a fine line of goods and nicely located between both houses, with a pretty little russet brown beauty by the name of Miss Daisy Tootles to wait upon the trade. Despite the opposition of a near-by stand, they—the big Senators and Representatives—came and bought from Miss Daisy because she had the best of high-grade cigars, tempting apples and oranges and sweetly scented flowers. Everything Manuel had to sell sold like hot cakes. He had the goods and he did the business, but for one glorious week only!

"My business began to increase every day," said Kennedy, "and I noticed that a certain group over in the House of Representatives began to look on with increased interest and to talk among themselves. Finally, when they could not stand it any longer, one of them goes and gets Mayor Bookwalter, and the Mayor goes with them to see Mr. Cox, and through Bookwalter's influence they secure the rights to take my rights and Mr. Cox denies that he ever gives me permission to use a cigar stand in the State House. Of course, it is that old affair, prejudice. The goods that I was selling were just what the lawmakers wanted, and they bought them like mad. I am not going to brood over this affair, for I am sure there are better times coming."

Many of the Senators and Representatives seemed to sympathize with the "Colonel," for, on Tuesday morning, when the cigar stand was being moved, the lawmakers continued buying until the case was placed in a wagon and driven out of sight. Kennedy is well liked by a large majority of the "big bugs" throughout the State, and if they want anything in his line, it is always "the Colonel."

Under the Dome.

Jim Thompson, they say, never gets angry. He always is pleasant to all, and every man of office in the Capitol says Thompson is the goods and looks it.

Hark! Hon. Gurley Brewer and A. E. Manning have been seen around the Senate chamber a great deal of late. What on earth can be the matter? Is there anything up or down?

Harry Barnett is on the "firing line" at the Senate chamber, and is "delivering the goods" to a king's taste. Monday a discussion arose as to whether Harry was bald-headed or whether it was clean shaven. The question has not been solved.

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Senator Clark, "the gentleman from Marion," is among those present. The Senator is wearing that lovable countenance that he wore in 1892 when he put before the Legislature the civil rights bill. He is still the man who is ever ready to champion the Negro's rights in this State.

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"Where is Manuel Collins now?" the boys are saying all along the stroll. But all you have to do is to go over to the State House and you will see Manuel any day getting his hand in on Indiana legislation. Don't think he's going to be a lawmaker, but then he has got some interest in it, or he would not be there, because he doesn't get time to smoke that good old pipe that has been almost a life partner to him.

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Hurrah for Wallace Finley, for he is the cock of the walk. Finley seems to be the leading spirit these days. Finley has won a great reputation for his big efforts during the election just past. He fought nobly for the Democratic side and he won for them, and they have not forgotten him in the House of Representatives. It's "Finley, what do you want?" and "Finley about that."

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Mrs. Effie Wilson, whose ever charming graces always make her a much-sought person, is the maid for the full sixty days' session of the Indiana Legislature. Mrs. Wilson added much attraction to the inaugural day exercises, for if any of her friends came about she made it interesting for them. About all of the most substantial members are acquainted with her, and show high appreciation.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

January 8, 1909, was the centennial anniversary of the birth of Major George L. Stearns, who was a prominent member of all of the important anti-slavery organizations, the editor of two important newspapers, and a man whose money and influence aided in every way possible in bringing about the abolition of slavery.

Major Stearns was instrumental during the Civil War, also, in recruiting in Massachusetts three regiments of colored men, and rendered similar services in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Tennessee. He received from Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War, a special commission as major, and received from many sources cordial expressions of thanks for his devoted services in behalf of the slave. The memory of such men as Major Stearns deserved to be commemorated by the Negro people. It is to such rare souls as he that the Negro is indebted for his present opportunities.

YOUNG MAN PURCHASES PROPERTY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

CHICAGO, Ill., January 9.—Mr. Guy Allen has purchased a very fine two-story brick residence, containing nine rooms, with all modern improvements, at 3655 Forest avenue, for the consideration of $3,500 cash. Mr. Allen is a son of the famous headwaiter, Henry Allen, of 3653 Forest avenue. This goes to show that Mr. Allen is a chip off the old block, as he is only nineteen years old and a taxpayer and saved up every dollar himself. We would like to hear from some of our other young men along this line. The sale was negotiated through Mr. J. J. Miles.

A BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT.

Miss Yates, of Kansas City, Makes Her Debut.

The social whirl of Kansas City during the recent Christmas holidays was dazzling, and its most brilliant event was the debutante party given by Prof. and Mrs. W. W. Yates for their daughter, Miss Yates, Monday, Dec. 28, at Lyric Hall.

Representatives of the best and most exclusive families of the twin cities were present and visitors from several other Missouri and Kansas cities and towns, and even from Chicago and New York, lent variety to the occasion.

Prof. W. H. Dudley of Lincoln High School and the hostess' social secretary, was master of ceremonies. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms, the traditional Christmas green, and a color scheme in which the blue and white of Lincoln Institute, and the red and blue of Kansas University predominated, resulting of course in the national colors, were artistically carried out not only in national flags, spotless white walls, Japanese shades, the uniform of the orchestra and souvenir program, but also in the delicious menu—cherry ice in blue cups, cheese sandwiches, red pepper and olives, chicken salad and coffee.

The orchestra, concealed behind a grove of palms, discoursed delightful strains of music, while here and there chatted lovely maidens, stately dames, with chivalrous and youthful manhood. Four and twenty matrons and maids of honor assisted the hostess, Mrs. Yates, head of the department of English in Lincoln Institute, and the host, William W. Yates, principal of Lincoln School, the city's largest and oldest Negro school.

Ample time for refreshments having been offered, Prof. Dawley, a 32d degree Mason, in the imposing uniform of the order, escorted Miss Yates and led the grand march, assisted by Major B. E. Watkins of the U. R. K. of P. "The Arbor" was the most intricate of the many figures given. Then followed the waltz, two-step, three-step, schottische, imperial gavotte, Spanish waltz, etc., in repeated succession. The favors for the ladies was a daintily designed pin to attach to the program.

Miss Yates, a modest young woman of charming personality, was beautifully but simply attired in an Empire gown of pearl white satin. She is an accomplished musician, a social favorite, was graduated in 1906 with high honors at the age of 16 from the Normal Department of Lincoln Institute and is now a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts, University of Kansas, with fourteen points to her credit on advanced work.

Numerous and costly gifts of flowers and other valuable presents were received from a large circle of friends in the twin cities, Jefferson City, St. Louis, Rochester, N. Y., Newport, R. I., New Orleans, La., etc.

MT. VERNON, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, niece and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson, are in the city visiting, and may make this their home...Rev. T. W. Daniels of Lost Creek was in the city a few days visiting his children and friends...Miss Nancy Wilson spent the holidays in Terre Haute, visiting her brother, George Wilson, who is a student of the Normal... The revival at the A. M. E. Church seems to be growing more interesting. They have had one convert and two additions. ...The reception at the Free Baptist Church Friday night was a success socially under the management of Prof. Geo. Tompkin...James Woods, one of our young men is is not a member of any church, has pledged himself to contribute once a week to all the churches...Rev. H. C. Williams is home for a few days after being out several months cooking for the Rock Road Company...Mrs. Mattie Felton has returned from Abline, Miss., and reports a nice trip. She had not seen her brother for twenty years and he is now the father of ten children. ...Mrs. Kate Holman is quite sick... Mrs. Sarah Spotsville continues ill... Mrs. Fanny Jones Hamilton is improving.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Leo Winslow has returned from Marion and will finish in the high school this year...Mrs. Elmer Marshall and children of Marion spent a few days in the city last week visiting with her husband. ...L. Kilgo and sister of Atlanta, Ga., are the guests of Mr. Kilgo's brother, Gudson Kilgo...Miss Celia Parker visted in Mariou last week...Harry Malone has returned to his work at Culver, Ind., after spending a couple of weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Malone...Mrs. Frank Carter has returned after spending two weeks in Chicago.

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